

whatever you ask of him in my name. **24** Until now you have not asked for anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your happiness may be complete.

### Victory over the World

**25** "I have used figures of speech to tell you these things. But the time will come when I will not use figures of speech, but will speak to you plainly about the Father. **26** When that day comes, you will ask him in my name; and I do not say that I will ask him on your behalf, **27** for the Father himself loves you. He loves you because you love me and have believed that I came from God. **28** I did come from the Father, and I came into the world; and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

**29** Then his disciples said to him, "Now you are speaking plainly, without using figures of speech. **30** We know now that you know everything; you do not need to have someone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

**31** Jesus answered them, "Do you believe now? **32** The time is coming, and is already here, when all of you will be scattered, each of you to your own home, and I will be left all alone. But I am not really alone, because the Father is with me. **33** I have told you this so that you will have peace by being united to me. The world will make you suffer. But be brave! I have defeated the world!"

### Jesus Prays for His Disciples

**17** **1** After Jesus finished saying this, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that the Son

may give glory to you. **2** For you gave him authority over all people, so that he might give eternal life to all those you gave him. **3** And eternal life means to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, whom you sent. **4** I have shown your glory on earth; I have finished the work you gave me to do. **5** Father! Give me glory in your presence now, the same glory I had with you before the world was made.

**6** "I have made you known to those you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They have obeyed your word, **7** and now they know that everything you gave me comes from you. **8** I gave them the message that you gave me, and they received it; they know that it is true that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me.

**9** "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those you gave me, for they belong to you. **10** All I have is yours, and all you have is mine; and my glory is shown through them.

**11** And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one. **12** While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me. I protected them, and not one of them was lost, except the man who was bound to be lost—so that the scripture might come true. **13** And now I am coming to you, and I say these things in the world so that they might have my joy in their hearts in all its fullness. **14** I gave them your message, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.





**15** I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One. **16** Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world. **17** Dedicate them to yourself by means of the truth; your word is truth. **18** I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world. **19** And for their sake I dedicate myself to you, in order that they, too, may be truly dedicated to you.

**20** "I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in me because of their message. **21** I pray that they may all be one. Father! May they be in us, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me. **22** I gave them the same glory you gave me, so that they may be one, just as you and I are one: **23** I in them and you in me, so that they may be completely one, in order that the world may know that you sent me and that you love them as you love me."

**24** "Father! You have given them to me, and I want them to be with me where I am, so that they may see my glory, the glory you gave me; for you loved me before the world was made. **25** Righteous Father! The world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you sent me. **26** I made you known to them, and I will continue to do so, in order that the love you have for me may be in them, and so that I also may be in them."

### The Arrest of Jesus

**18** **1** After Jesus had said this prayer, he left with his disciples and went across Kidron Brook. There was a garden in that place, and Jesus and his disciples went in. **2** Judas, the traitor, knew where it was, because

many times Jesus had met there with his disciples. **3** So Judas went to the garden, taking with him a group of Roman soldiers, and some Temple guards sent by the chief priests and the Pharisees; they were armed and carried lanterns and torches. **4** Jesus knew everything that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward and asked them, "Who is it you are looking for?"

**5** "Jesus of Nazareth," they answered.

"I am he," he said.

Judas, the traitor, was standing there with them. **6** When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they moved back and fell to the ground. **7** Again Jesus asked them, "Who is it you are looking for?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

**8** "I have already told you that I am he," Jesus said. "If, then, you are looking for me, let these others go." (**9** He said this so that what he had said might come true: "Father, I have not lost even one of those you gave me.")

**10** Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the High Priest's slave, cutting off his right ear. The name of the slave was Malchus. **11** Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back in its place! Do you think that I will not drink the cup of suffering which my Father has given me?"

### Jesus before Annas

**12** Then the Roman soldiers with their commanding officer and the Jewish guards arrested Jesus, tied him up, **13** and took him first to Annas. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was High Priest that year. **14** It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jewish authorities that it was better that one man should die for all the people.







## Jesus Prays That His Followers Will Be United



John 17:20-21, 23 (For the full story, read John 17:9-23.)

**20** [Jesus said] "I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in me because of their message. **21** I pray that they may all be one. Father! May they be in us, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me. **23** . . . and that you love them as you love me."

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## Understand It!

This Bible passage is part of a prayer Jesus said at the Last Supper. He prayed that his followers would be one with God and with one another. This means that Jesus doesn't want anything to keep us from loving one another—not different ideas, not different backgrounds, not jealousy, not pride.

When we are one, we will not hurt one another with words or actions. We will be patient and kind to one another. Other people will notice our love for one another. Seeing our joy, they will want to be part of us too. They will come to believe in Jesus. Then the Church will grow. We need to pray with Jesus, "That we may all be one, Father."

## Live It!

Pray this prayer that asks God to help Christians grow in their unity:

Lord Jesus,  
you call us together in faith and love.  
Fill all Christians with your Holy Spirit  
so that we may hear your holy Word,  
pray in your name,  
seek unity among all Christians,  
and follow you more closely. Amen.

## Tell It!



Using the pictures above, retell the reading in your own words.

