

Books of the Book Series

The Gospel of John Outline of Script for TV Production 3ABN Studios March 4-12, 2013

23. *Jesus Prays for You (John 17:1-26)*

23. Scene A. The Structure

Farewell Discourse closes with intercessory prayer in three parts

Verses 1-5– Jesus prays for Himself

Verses 6-19– Jesus prays for His disciples

How they will fare when He is gone

Verses 20-26– Jesus prays for the second generation

Focus of the prayer is on unity

Still seem to be in Upper Room ([John 18:1](#))

23. Scene B. Jesus Prays for Himself (John 17:1-5)

[John 17:1, 5](#)–

Jesus wants to be glorified

The glory of the cross ([Gal 6:14](#))

So He can glorify the Father

By completing His work on earth (cross)

By exalting Him back to His pre-human state

Jesus' glory is His character (especially the cross)

Turned the other cheek

Did not force His way into our hearts

In Him we see what the Father is like

The meaning of *Abba* (Daddy)

[John 17:3](#)–

Focus on the results of verse 1

Eternal life for human beings

Grounded in “knowing” God

By knowing Jesus

Jesus is the closest we can come to seeing, hearing, touching God

23. Scene C. Jesus Prays for His Disciples (John 17:6-19)

John 17:6– Attention turns to the disciples

They belong to the Father

Jesus' revelation of God is for their benefit (cf. 7-8)

Name = glory = character

Identifying marks of a believer John 17:8

Believe in Jesus (John 3:16)

Believe in Him as Creator (John 1:3)

Also Eph 3:9; Col 1:16-17; Heb 1:2-3; Rev 14:7

(G 2: 83-84)

Jesus prays for the disciples because they are staying in the world

(9-11) Need divine support

(John 17:13-17) Jesus prays for three things

Protected from the world's hatred (12-15)

Have joy in spite of His departure (John 17:13)

Sanctified by the truth (17)

Equipped for the task: replacing Jesus

We need to be strong for the truth

Society today has an aversion to truth

John 17:18-19– The importance of witnessing/evangelism

23. Scene D. Jesus Prays for the Second Generation (John 17:20-26)

John 17:20–

Those who come to believe through the disciples' word

Particularly: The Gospel of John

Includes all Christians after the first generation

John 17:21-23–

Unity of Jesus with Father inspires unity on earth

You become like the God you worship

Unity of the church will attract the world

Our lives as a community portrays what God is like

John 13:34-35; Eph 1:9-10

A bitterly divided church makes God look bad

This is not organizational unity

Had that in the Middle Ages

That caused many to turn away from Jesus

Crusades, Inquisition, French Revolution

What unity really is

With each other through the Word and prayer

Not uniformity

Will not bring harmony with the world

Disciples came to know the Father through Jesus

Through the Spirit that process continues

John 17:25-26– Unity in love

Joy without love is hedonism

Holiness without love is hedonism

Truth without love is mere orthodoxy

Unity without love is tyranny

23. Scene E. Conclusion of Farewell Discourse Section (John 13-17)

Jesus' going away is not the end of His ministry

Continues through the Holy Spirit

The benefits of Jesus' ministry to them continues

Continues through the disciples

Through their preaching and writing

Jesus is made real today through these two