

“3 minutes w/Jesus!”

I. **INTRO:**

- A. **Great Guest line up coming up:** Wed night **Victor Marx** join me as we tackle *Angels & Demons*; Next Sunday Nov1 **Jim Drake/Colina**; 1st Wed in Nov, **Joe Dallas** *Homosexuality*; Nov 8 **Tom Blumberg**, CCNorthwest; Wed Nov11 **Jeff Jackson** *Our God is a Missionary God*.
- B. **Prayer:** Lord, I picture Your Son Jesus walking toward death's door “*calmly, victoriously, joyously*” & thinking, “*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me.*”
- C. If Jesus was in Murrieta today & you had **3 minutes** with Him what would you say/do?
1. Some would finally get to ask Him their **questions**.
 2. *Better idea:* Have Him **lay hands on you & pray for you** for those 3 minutes.
 3. **Why 3 minutes?** That's how long it takes to slowly read through this chapter.
- D. **Other chapter names:** Jesus' High Priestly Prayer; The true Lord's Prayer;
- E. **Outline:** Jesus prayed for Himself(1-5); for His disciples(6-19); for all of His church(20-26)
- F. **Transition:** Read 16:33 & note the world(19 x's) & Jesus victorious.
1. This is the **longest prayer** by Jesus, in 2 ways:
 - a) **#1** In length; **#2** In scope (covers then, till now)!
 - b) It is a “Holy of Holies” prayer!
- G. Church Historians credit the Reformation primarily to **3 men:** *Martin Luther, John Calvin, & John Knox*.¹
1. **Luther** was known as the commencement(**start**); **Calvin** as the consummation (**finish**); **Knox** as its preservation (**kept it going**).
 2. **Luther** was the Reformation's **Torch**; **Calvin** was the Reformation's **Pen**; & **Knox** was the Reformation's **Sword**.
 - a) Knox was the sharp instrument of Scotland's Reformation. He wielded his carefully honed words widely & impartially, cutting a swath that touched even royal robes of Mary, Queen of Scots.
 - (1) Unaffectionately dubbed “**Bloody Mary**” because she sent some 290 evangelical church leaders to their deaths. She opposed Knox w/a passion.

¹ Chuck Swindoll, John 17; pg.36

- b) She banished this fiery luminary from his pulpit, **but** couldn't extinguish his flaming influence. **Once she admitted, she feared the prayers of John Knox as much as the combined armies of Scotland.**
- c) **As John Knox** lay dying he whispered to his wife to read from the passage where he had **cast his first anchor of faith**...the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John.
(1) He had this prayer read to him daily during his last illness.

H. **Melanchthon**, another reformer, said of this chapter, *“There is no voice which has ever been heard, either in heaven or in earth, more exalted, more holy, more fruitful, more sublime, than the prayer offered up by the Son of God Himself.”*²

I. Let's get ready to cast **our anchor** into the **deep** but **calm** harbor of Jn.17.

II. **3 MINUTES WITH JESUS! (1-5)**

A. **GLORIFY!** (1)

B. How dare some say “I don't pray for myself”, as if it is selfish!

1. **It's commanded; It's biblical; It's being obedient; It's in the Lord's prayer; It's following in the footsteps of Jesus!**
2. **He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.**³

C. **Lifted up his eyes** – Do you ever lift your eyes in your prayer time?

1. **As the needle of a compass is constantly feeling the pull North, so should our hearts & eyes be constantly feeling the pull Heavenward!**
2. **Ps.121 I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.**

D. Coming just moments before Gethsemane, it is amazing our Lord's **attitude of mind & heart** as He faced the great event of the cross.

E. **Father** - He starts out *hallowing* His Fathers name! (4 x's 1,5,11,21,24,25)

1. John uses **father** 127 x's in his gospel.

F. **Glorify** - Some men become proud and insolent because they **ride a fine horse, wear a feather in their hat or are dressed in a fine suit of clothes. Who does not see the folly of this?** If there be any glory in such things, the glory belongs to the **horse**, the **bird** and the **tailor**. - St. Francis de Sales

² A.W.Pink, John; pg.90

³ 1 Jn.2:6

G. Jesus asks to be glorified *2 times* & in *2 ways*:

1. In His **crucifixion**(1-4) & in His **glorification**(5).
2. **Also, earthly**(4) & **heavenly** (5).
3. **How would He glorify His Father?** By *obeying* Him.
 - a) A **child** brings honor to his **parents** when he brings *obedience* to his parents.
A **citizen** brings honor to his **country** when he brings *obedience* to his country.
A **student** brings honor to his **teacher** when he brings *obedience* to his teacher.
 - b) Looking to Jesus on the cross we say, “*See how He loved God!*”

H. **The hour** - Jesus fully **conscious** of what was coming.

I. **That** - This signals *purpose*, answers why?

1. Jesus’ prayer was full of purpose as *that* occurs **19 times** in His prayer.

J. **ETERNAL LIFE!** (2,3)

K. **This is eternal life** - defined here as not just as a *conscious existence forever*, but as *knowing God* which is **real quality life**.

1. It’s **knowing** *both* the Father & Jesus.
2. “He who separates Christ from the Divinity of the Father, does not yet acknowledge Him who is the only true God, but rather invents for himself a strange god.” (Calvin)

L. Merrill Tenney suggests that: “**life** is active involvement with environment; **death** is the cessation of involvement with the environment.”

1. A **caterpillar** has an **earthly life**, in that its environment is the dirt in which it lives. It has **no capacity** to interact with an environment of water or air.
2. A **caterpillar** can also have a life that is **not earth bound**, but it must take on a **transformed life!**
3. Similarly human beings have **biological life** that enables them to interact with the realm of life **on earth**. Human beings have no native capacity to interact with the realm of the **spiritual & eternal**. Unless they have come to **know God** through Jesus Christ, & have been **given eternal life** by God.

M. **Knowing God** - Turn to Jer. 9:23,24

1. It is knowing Him **Intellectually** – (knowing the truth/**understands** God)
2. It is knowing Him **Intimately** – (**know** = yada “*an intimate knowledge of God*”)
3. It is knowing Him **Morally** – (exercising/practicing **love, justice & rt**)

- N. We know God as ours, because He knows us as His!
1. **Knowing God is: *Knowing what God is like & to be on the moist intimate terms of knowledge of friendship w/Him. Do you know Him?***
- O. **Authority** - He prays that His God given **authority** over men's souls might move from the realm of **promise** to the realm of **fulfillment**.
1. He is glad to have authority, only that He may use it to **give life**.
 - a) Why do you enjoy your authority?
- P. Did you know that believers are the Father's **gift** to the Son? (see 2,6,9,11,12 *given*)
1. Just as **Jesus** is the Father's **gift** to us (3:16).
- Q. **IT IS FINISHED!** (4)
- R. **I have glorified you on the earth** - by His doctrine; miracles; sufferings; & death to come.
- S. **I have finished the work** - Jesus speaks as if He had already passed through death & were pleading before the throne.
1. Do your prayers sound like you're standing right in front of God's throne, **or** more like the muffled sound of 2 paper cups & a long string stretching from here to the moon?
- T. **He had finished the work???** But, He was only 33. He only reached 11 men in depth. *Wasn't His life a tragic waste by being cut so short?*
1. Only when seen from a **limited** perspective!
 2. Man focuses on **immediate** results; God, on **ultimate** results.
 - a) **We see** only the **seed** that is sown or, at best, the **sprout**; **He sees** the **harvest!**
- U. **Story** - There was a famous painting from the 1st world war. It showed an engineer fixing a field telephone line which was essential. He had just completed the line so that the essential messages might come through...when he was shot! The picture shows him in the moment of death, & beneath it there is the one word, **"Through!"** He had died, he had given his life, that the message might get through.⁴
1. That is exactly what Jesus did. **He** had completed His task. **He** got the Father's message through loud & clear. **He** had brought God's love to man.
 2. **He died** to save you & **He's dying** to save you!

⁴ William Barclay pg.241

V. **GLORY!** (5)

W. Jesus asks for His old robe back...the royal garment of glory. Which of course the Father was delighted to fulfill. [Read Eph. 1:20-23]

1. Jesus was like a knight who left the Kings court to perform some perilous duty, & who having performed it, came home in triumph to enjoy the **Victor' Glory!**

X. When will we see this full glory? (see vs.24)

Y. The glory which I had w/You before - (Phil.2:6,7) who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation(*emptied Himself of His privileges*) taking the form of a bondservant, & coming in the likeness of men

Z. J. S. Bach said, "All music should have no other end and aim than the glory of God and the soul's refreshment; where this is not remembered there is no real music but only a devilish hub-bub."

1. He headed his compositions: **J.J.** "Jesus Juva" which means "Jesus help me."

2. He ended them **S.D.G.** "Soli Dei gratia" means "To God alone the praise".