



Day 1

 Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today's study.

Q1. If Jesus repeats a phrase or a concept, should we pay attention?

 "Unity" is the critical theme in Jesus' prayer and it can be summarized by verses ^{22b} *that they may be one as we are one:* ²³ *I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.* In this NIV-1984 translation, excluding the references to Judas Iscariot and Satan, the word "one" is mentioned five times. The phrase – referencing Jesus and The Father – "one as we are one" (or a variation) is repeated twice. The phrase – referencing the Disciples or Believers – "them (or they) may be one" is repeated thrice. As you progress through this StudySheet, note the various references to oneness or unity that Jesus emphasizes.

Q2. Why do you think unity is important to Jesus? (See verses 11, 21, 22, & 23.)

Q3. Does God want all Believers to believe in the inerrancy of Scripture?

Matthew 22:29 [NIV-1984]

Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God."

Matthew 5:18 [NIV-1984]

[Jesus said,] "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

Luke 16:17 [NIV-1984]

It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law.

Revelation 22:18-19 [NIV-1984]


¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

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Q4. What are some of the Truths (principles) that the pages of the Bible reveal? (e.g., God's character; Believers behavior with other Believers and to the world)

Q5. If all Believers in Heaven believe the Truth of Scripture, what must Heaven be like?


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The High Priestly Prayer

¹ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: ² "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

Q6. To what is Jesus referring when He says, "the time has come"?

 Definition: glorify: "1 . To give glory, honor, or high praise to; exalt." [<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/glorify>]

 Definition: glory: "1 . Great honor, praise, or distinction accorded by common consent; renown." [<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/glory>]

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Q7. This is curious: “glorify your Son that your Son may glorify you”; what did Jesus mean? How can one glorify the other and then the other glorifies the first?

Q8. What kind of power does Jesus have?

Q9. What would you say to someone who does not recognize God’s sovereignty to grant eternal life?

³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

Q10. What “work” was Jesus given to do?

Q11. Can you think of any examples when Jesus “glorified” God?

⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Q12. What “glory” do you think Jesus had “before the world existed”?

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Philippians 2:5-11 [NIV-1984]

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death -- even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.


Q13. Jesus was still walking in this world; how could the “Father glorify [Him] in [His] own presence”?

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Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

 Definition: man-i-fest: 1. Clear or obvious to the eye or mind.

Q14. To whom (“those whom you gave me out of the world”) is Jesus referring in verses 6-19?

John 1:3-4 [NIV-1984]

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

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Q15. What “Word” have they obeyed?

Q16. How is it that “they were yours,” which means that they belonged to the LORD? How could they be given to someone?

Ownership?

A gift (given)?

Psalm 139:16^b

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

Q17. Truth? How do you know that a bunch of “made-up” stories are the “Truth”? (This is called ‘Apologetics’ or defense of your faith)

⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

Q18. Why would Jesus be led to pray “for those you have given me”? After all, they belong to the One, True and Sovereign God and they should have all of His mighty protection.

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¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name -- the name you gave me -- so that they may be one as we are one.

Q19. Verse 10: To whom or what is Jesus referring when He said, “glory has come to me through them”?

Q20. Why did Jesus say that He “will remain in the world no longer”?

Q21. What does it mean to be one; Jesus said, “they may be one as we are one”?

Q22. Is Satan real? Does Satan exist?


Real? Yes? Why?
 No?

Exist? Yes? Why?
 No?

Q23. Why does Satan sow disunity?

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¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

Q24. Was it important that Jesus “kept them safe”?

Q25. To whom is Jesus referring by the term “one doomed to destruction”?

Q26. How is it that “Scripture would be fulfilled” through this “one doomed to destruction”? (e.g., see Psalm 22; Isaiah 9:1-7; Genesis 49:8-12; Matthew 1:2-3)

Psalm 41:9 [English Standard Version (ESV)]


Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

Isaiah 57:4 [English Standard Version (ESV)]

Whom are you mocking? Against whom do you open your mouth wide and stick out your tongue? Are you not children of transgression, the offspring of deceit,

John 17:12 [King James Version (KJV)]

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

 A “son of perdition” is one in whose nature there is the quality expressed by “perdition.” The phrase is used in Isaiah 57:4 to express the apostasy of the Israelites (in English version, “children of transgression”). It occurs once again in 2nd Thessalonians 2:3, of the “man of sin.” (Comp. Notes there.) . . . In the present passage it is difficult to express the meaning in English, because we have no verb of the same root as the abstract substantive “perdition,” and no abstract substantive of the same root as the verb “perish.” No exact translation can therefore give in English the point of our Lord’s words, “And none of them perished except him whose nature it was to perish.” [©about 1880, *Ellicott’s Commentary for English Readers*, edited by Charles J Ellicott. <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/john/17-12.htm>]

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Matthew 27:1-5 [The Message (MSG)]

¹⁻² In the first light of dawn, all the high priests and religious leaders met and put the finishing touches on their plot to kill Jesus. Then they tied him up and paraded him to Pilate, the governor.

³⁻⁴ Judas, the one who betrayed him, realized that Jesus was doomed. Overcome with remorse, he gave back the thirty silver coins to the high priests, saying, "I've sinned. I've betrayed an innocent man."

They said, "What do we care? That's your problem!"

⁵ Judas threw the silver coins into the Temple and left. Then he went out and hung himself.

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

Q27. What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am not of the world"?

Q28. Why is this extended to His disciples, "they are not of the world"?

¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

Q29. Why is it important that they be kept from the "evil one"?

¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

Q30. When Jesus repeats Himself, it is usually for emphasis; why is this principle so important: "They are not of the world"?

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¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.



Sanctify:

1. To set apart for sacred use; consecrate.
2. To make holy; purify.

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Q31. What is Jesus saying in verse 17?

John 17:17 [The Message (MSG)]

Make them holy — consecrated — with the truth; Your word is consecrating truth.



Consecrate: 1. To declare or set apart as sacred.

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1 Peter 2:9-10 [The Message (MSG); a paraphrase]

⁹⁻¹⁰ But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you — from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

John 17:18-19 [J.B. Phillips New Testament (PHILLIPS)]

I have sent them to the world just as you sent me to the world and I consecrate myself for their sakes that they may be made holy by the truth.

Q32. Does this extend to we, who believe? Have we, who believe, been sent into the world? Are we, who believe, sanctified by The Word?


Extend? Yes? No? Thoughts?

Sent? Yes? No? Thoughts?

Sanctified? Yes? No? Thoughts?

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Jesus Prays for All Believers

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,

Q33. In the phrase "through their message", to whom does "their" refer?

Q34. And what is the "message" that they are sharing?


Q35. Can you name some people (or people-groups) "who will believe in me through their message"?

Q36. Bottom-line: for whom is Jesus now praying?

²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Q37. How will unity occur? The Oneness that Jesus emphasizes and holds-up as an example to all?


Q38. How will the "world . . . believe that you have sent me"?

 Please note that as we study the remainder of Jesus' prayer for all Believers, time seems to condense so that His prayer encompasses Jesus' disciples and all of the people who believed in Him during this time of direct ministry, in addition to all future Believers.

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²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:

Q39. What “glory” did Jesus give His disciples? Is the “glory” something that we can sense (see, hear, smell, touch, or taste)?

 Here, as all through this Intercessory Prayer, the future which immediately grows out of the present is regarded as present; the fulness of the glory which awaits Him at His Father’s right hand is thought of as already given to Him; and the believers who have become, and will become, one with Him, to whom He has given eternal life (John 17:2 [↑]), are thought of as sharers in it. It is the thought which is expanded by St. Paul when he speaks of the children being “heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if we suffer with Him to the end that we may be also glorified with Him” (Romans 8:17 [↓]); and by St. John when he speaks of “children of God being like Him because we shall see Him as He is” (1John 3:1-2 [↓]). [©about 1880, *Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers*, edited by Charles J Ellicott. <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/john/17-22.htm>]

Romans 8:17 [New American Standard Bible (NASB)]

and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

1 John 3:1-2 [New American Standard Bible (NASB)]

¹ See how great a love the Father has given us, that we would be called children of God; and in fact, we are. For this reason, the world does not know us: because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Q40. How can we become “brought [in]to complete unity” with the Lord Jesus and His Father?

Q41. Is it important that the “world . . . know[s] that You sent me and have loved them”?


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Q42. Do we have a role in letting the “world . . . know that You sent me and have loved them”?

Yes? How?

No?

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²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

Q43. Do we know if Jesus’ wish was granted for these people to see His glory?

Philippians 2:9-11 [NIV-1984]

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Revelation 21:3-4 [NIV-1984]

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

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²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Q44. Does Jesus know you by name?

John 10:3, 14-15 [NIV-1984]

³ The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. . . ¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me -- ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father -- and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Isaiah 43:10-11 [© 1986, 1988, 1999, 2015, The Holy Bible, International Children's Bible® (ICB) by Thomas Nelson.]

¹⁰ The Lord says, "You are my witnesses. You are the servant I chose. I chose you so you would know and believe me. I chose you so you would understand that I am the true God. There was no God before me, and there will be no God after me. ¹¹ I myself am the Lord. I am the only Savior.

Q45. Challenge: tonight in private, read aloud John 17:20-26 (↓) and substitute your own name for the pronouns them, their, and these, because Jesus is actually praying for you!!! What thoughts crossed your mind as you recited Jesus' prayer for you?

John 17:20-26 [NIV-1984]

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for *[my name]* who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May *[my name]* also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given *[my name]* the glory that you gave me, that *[my name]* may be one as we are one: ²³ I in *[my name]* and you in me. May *[my name]* be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved *[my name]* even as you have loved me. ²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me *[my name]* to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and *[my name]* know[s] that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to *[my name]*, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in *[my name]* and that I myself may be in *[my name]*." [Amen.]

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