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John 17:23 Prayer of our Lord 06 Love of God

John 17:23, *I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

The structure of John 17

V1-5 Jesus and Father

V6-19 Jesus and His Disciples

V20-26 Jesus and Believers of the Future.

This Sunday we are going to look at the section of 17:6-19.

V6-10 Jesus Earthly Mission accomplished.

V 11-19 Jesus return to heaven and prays for His disciples.

V 20-23 Christian Unity:

God Loves you as much HE loved Jesus

God loves you!

It's not that God has love, but GOD is LOVE!

Somehow, we made it so easy and we use it so loosely in our daily life hence we don't value so much. Even if you ask an unbeliever, they will be able to quote

John 3:16, *God so loved the world He gave His only begotten son that whoever believes in Him will have everlasting life.*

But His love for each and everyone is so different.

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Secure yourself in this TRUTH.

Jesus had the security that God loved HIM, so there was no insecurity at all.

As a child of God do NOT have any insecurity.

People may forsake you, leave you, ridicule you throw stone at you, but God loves you and God is with you.

Look at Jesus at the time of crisis.

John 16:32, *Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, **because the Father is with Me.***

Think about the numeral miracles Jesus performed and the multitudes followed HIM. Here HE is with 11 of HIS disciples alone...

They too going to leave HIM, yet Jesus astonishingly says that I am not alone.

Have that kind of secured love of God in you.

Look at Jesus life:

His birth to His death it's all been prophesied in the scriptures. Over 300 prophecies have been fulfilled.

55 specific prophecies that cover four specific areas:

1. Jesus's birth
2. Jesus's ministry
3. Jesus's death and resurrection
4. Jesus's role in the church

1. Prophecies of Jesus's birth

Eight prophecies predicting elements of Jesus' birth and childhood.

a) The nations will be blessed through Abraham's lineage

Prophecy: Genesis 12:3,

Fulfillment: Acts 2:25-26,

b) God's covenant with Isaac's ancestors

Prophecy: Genesis 17:19,

Fulfillment: Romans 9:7,

c) The nations will be blessed through Jacob's offspring

Prophecy: Genesis 28:14,

Fulfillment: Luke 3:34,

d) The scepter will come through Judah

Prophecy: Genesis 49:10,

Fulfillment: Luke 3:33,

e) David's offspring will have an eternal kingdom

Prophecy: 2 Samuel 7:12–13,

Fulfillment: Matthew 1:1,

**f) A virgin will give birth, and he will be called Immanuel
(God with us)**

Prophecy: Isaiah 7:14,

Fulfillment: Luke 1:35,

g) The Messiah will end up in Egypt

Prophecy: Hosea 11:1,

Fulfillment: Matthew 2:14–15,

h) The Christ will be born in Bethlehem

Prophecy: Micah 5:2,

Fulfillment: Matthew 2:4–6,

God Created us

Acts 17:26, *And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,*

Psalms 139:13-16, *For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvellous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skilfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.*

Job 10:8-9, *'Your hands have made me and fashioned me, An intricate unity; Yet You would destroy me. ⁹ Remember, I pray, that You have made me like clay. And will You turn me into dust again?*

Job 33:4, *The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*

Psalms 110:3, *Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

God chose us

Jeremiah 1:4-5, *Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying:
5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were
born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”*

Ephesians 1:3-4, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in
the heavenly places in Christ,⁴ just as He chose us in Him before
the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without
blame before Him in love,*

Isaiah 43:1, *But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O
Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have
redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.*

John 15:16, *You did not choose Me, but I chose you
and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit,
and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the
Father in My name He may give you.*

2. Prophecies about Jesus's ministry

It was God’s plan that Jesus would have a profound ministry during His time on earth. This collection of prophecies focuses on particularly specific elements of Christ's earthly ministry.

a) Christ's ministry will destroy the devil's work

Prophecy: Genesis 3:15,

Fulfillment: 1 John 3:8,

b) Jesus will have a sinless, blemish-free life and ministry

Prophecy: Exodus 12:5,

Fulfillment: Hebrews 9:14,

c) The Messiah will be humbled in order to serve mankind

Prophecy: Psalm 8:5–6,

Fulfillment: Hebrews 2:5–9,

d) Jesus would become the perfect sacrifice

Prophecy: Psalm 40:6–8,

Fulfillment: Hebrews 10:5–10,

e) Jesus would preach righteousness to Israel

Prophecy: Psalm 40:9,

Fulfillment: Matthew 4:17,

f) Jesus would teach in parables

Prophecy: Psalm 78:1–2,

Fulfillment: Matthew 13:34–35,

g) Christ's parables would fall on deaf ears

Prophecy: Isaiah 6:9–10,

Fulfillment: Matthew 13:13–15,

**h) The Messiah would be a stone that causes people to
stumble**

Prophecy: Isaiah 8:14,

Fulfillment: 1 Peter 2:7–8,

i) Christ's ministry would begin in Galilee

Prophecy: Isaiah 9:1–2,

Fulfillment: Matthew 4:12–17,

j) Jesus would draw the Gentiles to himself

Prophecy: Isaiah 11:10,

Fulfillment: John 12:18–21,

k) Jesus would have a miraculous ministry

Prophecy: Isaiah 35:5–6,

Fulfillment: Matthew 11:2–6,

l) The Messiah would be preceded by a forerunner

Prophecy: Isaiah 40:3–4,

Fulfillment: John 1:23,

m) Jesus will be a gentle redeemer of the Gentiles

Prophecy: Isaiah 42:1–4,

Fulfillment: Matthew 12:15–21,

n) Jesus would be despised and rejected

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:3,

Fulfillment: Luke 4:28–29,

o) Jesus will set the captives free

Prophecy: Isaiah 61:1,

Fulfillment: Luke 4:16–21,

p) The Messiah will have a throne that is everlasting

Prophecy: Daniel 7:13–14,

Fulfillment: Luke 1:31–33,

q) The Messiah will bring an end to sin

Prophecy: Daniel 9:24,

Fulfillment: Galatians 1:3–5,

**r) Jerusalem will rejoice as the Messiah comes to her
upon a donkey**

Prophecy: Zechariah 9:9,

Fulfillment: Matthew 21:8–10,

s) He will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver

Prophecy: Zechariah 11:12–13,

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:6–10,

t) Christ's forerunner would come in the spirit of Elijah

Prophecy: Malachi 4:5–6,

Fulfillment: Matthew 11:10–15,

Mandate is the same as Jesus Christ:

John 13:20, Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

John 17:18, *As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.*

John 20:21, *So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."*

1 Thessalonians 2:4, *But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.*

Mark 16:17-18, *And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

3. Prophecies about Jesus's death and resurrection

The death and resurrection of Christ are the most significant events in human history. It's no surprise that there would be plenty of Old Testament prophecies pointing to this remarkable event.

a) Christ will be our Passover Lamb

Prophecy: Exodus 12:21–27,

Fulfillment: 1 Corinthians 5:7,

b) Like the Passover Lamb, none of the Christ's bones will be broken

Prophecy: Exodus 12:46,

Fulfillment: John 19:31–36,

c) The Messiah's blood will be spilled for atonement

Prophecy: Leviticus 17:11,

Fulfillment: Matthew 26:28,

d) Jesus will be lifted up, and everyone who looks on Him will live

Prophecy: Numbers 21:9,

Fulfillment: John 3:14–18,

e) Christ's resurrection prophesied

Prophecy: Job 19:23–27,

Fulfillment: John 5:24–29,

f) The Messiah would be forsaken

Prophecy: Psalm 22:1,

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:46,

g) The Messiah would be scorned

Prophecy: Psalm 22:8,

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:42–43,

h) The Messiah's suffering would include thirst

Prophecy: Psalm 22:15,

Fulfillment: John 19:28,

i) They would pierce Christ's hands and feet

Prophecy: Psalm 22:16,

Fulfillment: John 19:36–37,

j) They would cast lots for Jesus's clothing

Prophecy: Psalm 22:18,

Fulfillment: John 19:23–24,

k) The Messiah will cry, "Into your hands I commit my Spirit"

Prophecy: Psalm 31:5,

Fulfillment: Luke 23:46,

l) Everyone will abandon the Messiah

Prophecy: Psalm 31:11,

Fulfillment: Mark 14:50,

m) They will plot to kill God's anointed

Prophecy: Psalm 31:13,

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:1,

n) The Messiah will be quiet before his accusers

Prophecy: Psalm 38:12–13,

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:12–14,

o) God's anointed will not see decay

Prophecy: Psalm 16:9–11,

Fulfillment: Acts 2:31,

p) The Messiah would be abandoned by those closest to him

Prophecy: Psalm 41:9,

Fulfillment: John 13:18,

q) The Christ will ascend into the heavens to distribute gifts

Prophecy: Psalm 68:18,

Fulfillment: Ephesians 4:7–16,

r) The Messiah will be mocked and abused

Prophecy: Isaiah 50:3–6,

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:27–31,

s) The Christ's thirst will be quenched with vinegar and gall

Prophecy: Psalm 69:21,

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:34,

t) The Messiah's resurrection predicted

Prophecy: Psalm 118:17–18,

Fulfillment: Luke 24:5–7,

u) The Messiah will conquer death

Prophecy: Isaiah 25:7–8,

Fulfillment: 1 Corinthians 15:54,

We have Eternal life now

Romans 6:3-4, *Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

John 3:36, *He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”*

John 5:24, *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*

John 17:3, *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

1 John 2:25, *And this is the promise that He has promised us— eternal life.*

1 John 5:11, *And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.*

1 John 5:13, *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have*

eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

4. Prophecies about Jesus's role in the church

What kind of presence would Jesus have in his church? These prophecies consider how Jesus would rule and judge the world.

a) God will raise up a prophet like Moses

Prophecy: Deuteronomy 18:15–16,

Fulfillment: John 5:45–47,

b) God will raise up a faithful priest who does God's will

Prophecy: 1 Samuel 2:35,

Fulfillment: Hebrews 2:17,

c) The Messiah will judge the world justly

Prophecy: Psalm 9:7–10).

Fulfillment: Acts 17:31,

d) The Messiah will have all authority over judgment

Prophecy: Isaiah 22:22,

Fulfillment: Revelation 3:7,

e) The Messiah will pour out his Spirit

Prophecy: Isaiah 44:3,

Fulfillment: John 16:7,

f) The Messiah will usher in a new covenant
Prophecy: Jeremiah 31:31,
Fulfillment: Matthew 26:28,

You are part of His Body, The Church

1 Corinthians 12:27, *Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.*

1 Corinthians 6:15, *Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!*

Ephesians 5:30, *For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.*

Romans 12:4-6, *For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,⁵ so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;*

1 Corinthians 6:2, *Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?*

Revelation 20:4, *And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*

Conclusion:

Every time the prophecy is fulfilled the scripture says that it happened so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Matthew 26:54,56,

Mark 14:49, 15:28,

Luke 4:21, 24:44,

John 13:18, 17:12, 19:24 & 19:28

So, it's beyond a doubt that every event of Jesus life was very well planned, including His arrest and crucifixion.

God has planned this for Jesus because HE loved HIM.

If God has done that to Jesus and if HE loves you and the same way He loved Jesus, then should you have any worry or any insecurity in our life?

When you are secured in God's love there is no fear.

1 John 4:18, *“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.”*

God’s assurance is that He will not leave you

Hebrews 13:5-6, *For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”*

Can you experience such a truth in your life?

If you were only person on the planet earth God would have sent Jesus to die for you!!!