

Echoes of Scripture

Easter 7a ~ John 17:1-11

Summary of John 17:1-11

The disciples get to listen in as Jesus prays. Jesus first prays for himself and then for his disciples. Notice the importance Jesus places on bringing glory to God as well as to himself. In it we also learn that eternal life is to know God and Jesus whom God sent. May we forever enjoy this relationship and may our lives of obedience, also, bring glory to Christ!

Suggested Course of Study

Read Philippians 2:6-11 (The Humility of Christ)

Read Romans 8:31-39 (Christ Intercedes for Us/Nothing Can Separate Us)

Read 1 John 3 (How do we reconcile this with the prayer as well as with Romans 8?)

Read Matthew 6:9-13 (The Lord's Prayer)

Read John 17:1-26 (Jesus' High Priestly Prayer)

Immediate Context

John 13:1-20 Jesus washes the disciples' feet

John 13:21-30 Jesus foretells his betrayal

John 13:31-35 The New Commandment

John 13:36-38 Jesus foretells Peter's denial

John 14:1-14 Jesus the way to the Father

John 14:15-31 The promise of the Holy Spirit

John 15:1-17 Jesus the True Vine

John 15:18-16:4 The World's Hatred

John 16:5-15 The Work of the Spirit

John 16:16-24 Sorrow will turn into joy

John 16:25-33 Peace for the disciples

John 17:1-26 Jesus prays for his disciples

John 18:1-11 The betrayal and arrest of Jesus

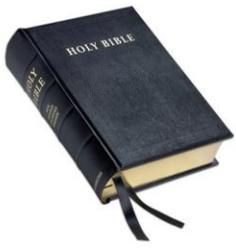
The Textⁱ

JOHN 17:1-11 (NRSV)

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people,^a to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

^a Gk *flesh*



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Key Words

AFTER JESUS HAD SPOKEN THESE WORDS – Chapters 13-17 are considered to be one long discourse that takes place at the Last Supper after the washing of the disciples' feet. Jesus has said many things. He has told them about... His upcoming betrayal (13:21-30); new commandment (13:31-35); Peter's denial (13:36-38); Going to prepare a place for you (14:1-14); Another Advocate (14:15-31); Abide in the vine (15:1-17); the world's hatred (15:18-27).

HE LOOKED UP TO HEAVEN AND SAID – This is one of the only recorded prayers of Jesus in the gospel of John. Some would argue that this should be called the Lord's Prayer whereas the traditional Lord's Prayer could rightly be called the Disciple's Prayer (since they ask Jesus to teach them how to pray).

Other Prayers by Jesus – The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:10); Gethsemane Prayer (Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46); Prayer after the Woes to Unrepentant Cities (Matthew 11:25-26; Luke 10:21); Lazarus' Tomb (John 11:41-42); Prayer of Anguish (John 12:27-28); On the Cross (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34; Luke 23:34, 46; John 19:30).

Other mentions of Jesus at prayer – Mark 1:35, Luke 4:42 (early in the morning before going to preach); Matthew 14:23, Mark 6:46, John 6:15-21 (before walking on water); Matthew 19:13, Mark 10:16, Luke 18:15-17 (blesses little children); Luke 3:21-22 (at his baptism); Luke 5:16 (after healing); Luke 6:12-13 (before choosing the apostles); Luke 9:18 (before asking the disciples "Who do the crowds say that I am?"); Luke 9:28-29 (before his transfiguration). John 6:11 (Jesus blesses the bread and gives it to the five thousand).

See also Hebrews 7:25, Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (Institution of the Lord's Supper).

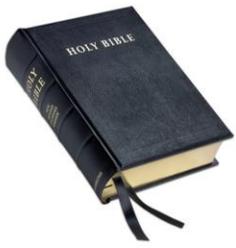
Postures in Prayer – Here Jesus *looked up* to heaven in prayer. Jesus also looked up to heaven when he prayed as they took away the stone from Lazarus' tomb in John 11:41; when he blessed the five loaves and two fish in Mark 6:41, Matthew 14:19, Luke 9:16; when he healed blind man in Mark 7:34; . Perhaps this is also the posture meant in Psalm 121:1-2, although this is more the description of someone looking in the distance for help than looking to God even though God is mentioned in verse 2. **Prostrate** see Matthew 26:39; Mark 14:35; Luke 5:12 (Leper before Jesus); Genesis 17:3, 17-18; Numbers 20:2-6; Nehemiah 8:6; Joshua 5:14, 7:1-6; Job 1:20-21; 1 Kings 1:47. **Hands Outstretched** see Exodus 9:27-29; 1 Kings 8:22-29; 1 Timothy 2:1-4, 8. **Kneeling** see 1 Kings 8:54; 18:41-46; Psalm 95:6; Daniel 6:10; Acts 7:60, 9:40, 20:36; Ephesians 3:14; Philippians 2:9-11. **Sitting** see Judges 20:26; 2 Samuel 7:18; 2 Kings 4:38; Ezekiel 8:1, 33:31. **Standing** see 2 Chronicles 20:5, 13; 1 Samuel 1:26; Job 30:20; Mark 11:25; Matthew 6:5.

FATHER – Jesus begins his prayer "Father" and not "Our Father" as he did in what we call the "Lord's Prayer" as found in Matthew and Luke. For other uses of the word Father in reference to God in the gospel of John, see John 1:14, 18; 2:16; 3:35; 4:21-23; 5:17-18, 22-26, 36-37, 43-45; John 6:27, 32, 37, 40-46, 57, 65; 8:16-19, 27-28, 38, 49, 54; 10:15-18, 25, 29-32, 36-38; 11:41, 12:26-28, 49-50; 13:1, 3; 14:2, 6-31; 15:1, 8-10, 15-16, 23-26; 16:3, 10, 15, 17, 23-28, 32; 17:1, 5, 11, 21, 24-25; 18:11; 20:17, 21.

THE HOUR HAS COME – See John 2:4; 4:21-23; 5:25, 28; 7:30; 8:20; 11:9; 12:23, 27; 13:1; 16:2, 4, 21, 25, 32. Jesus also says "My time has not yet come" (see John 7:6-8).

John 2:4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My *hour has not yet come.*"

John 4:21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, *the hour is coming* when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.



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John 4:23 But *the hour is coming*, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

John 5:25 “Very truly, I tell you, *the hour is coming*, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

John 5:28 Do not be astonished at this; for *the hour is coming* when all who are in their graves will hear his voice

John 7:6 Jesus said to them, “*My time has not yet come*, but your time is always here.

John 7:8 Go to the festival yourselves. I am not going to this festival, for *my time has not yet fully come*.”

John 7:30 Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because *his hour had not yet come*.

John 8:20 He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because *his hour had not yet come*.

John 12:23 Jesus answered them, “*The hour has come* for the Son of Man to be glorified.

John 12:27 “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from *this hour*’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to *this hour*.

John 13:1 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that *his hour had come* to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

John 16:2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, *an hour is coming* when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God.

John 16:4 But I have said these things to you so that when *their hour comes* you may remember that I told you about them. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

John 16:21 When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because *her hour has come*. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world.

John 16:25 “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. *The hour is coming* when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father.

John 16:32 *The hour is coming*, indeed it *has come*, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me.

GLORY – δόξα in Greek. “The most important Hebrew word for ‘glory,’ kabod, means ‘weight’ or ‘importance.’ Thus, to have glory is to be weighty or important to oneself or others. In this sense, glory may be applied to humans, showing their significance in the world (Job 19:9; Prov. 16:31; 20:29; Isa. 8:7), but more often ‘glory’ is applied to God. The glory of God is sometimes said to appear to people, indicating that God’s worth and significance has become particularly manifest (Num. 16:19, 42; Ps. 102:16; Ezek. 10:4) In some such instances, God’s “glory” seems to serve as a virtual synonym for God’s presence or being... Most biblical references to glory, however, occur within contexts of worship: the appropriate human response to God is to ascribe glory to God (Pss. 22:23; 29:2; 86:9; Isa. 66:5). The NT idea of glory (Gk. doxa) continues in the same vein.”¹

See John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his *glory*, the *glory* as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

John 2:11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his *glory*; and his disciples believed in him.

John 5:41 I do not accept *glory* from human beings.

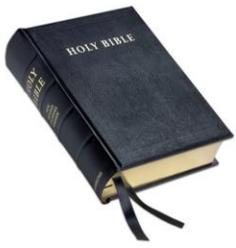
John 5:44 How can you believe when you accept *glory* from one another and do not seek the *glory* that comes from the one who alone is God?

John 7:18 Those who speak on their own seek their own *glory*; but the one who seeks the *glory* of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him.

John 8:50 Yet I do not seek my own *glory*; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge.

John 8:54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my *glory* is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, ‘He is our God,’

¹ Joanna Dewey, “Glory,” ed. Mark Allan Powell, The HarperCollins Bible Dictionary (Revised and Updated) (New York: HarperCollins, 2011), 331.



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John 9:24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give *glory* to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”

John 11:4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s *glory*, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

John 11:40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the *glory* of God?”

John 12:41 Isaiah said this because he saw his *glory* and spoke about him.

John 12:43 for they loved human *glory* more than the *glory* that comes from God.

John 17:5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the *glory* that I had in your presence before the world existed.

John 17:22 The *glory* that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,

John 17:24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my *glory*, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

For Moses and the Glory of the Lord, see Exodus 33:18, 22; 40:34-35; Leviticus 9:6, 23; Numbers 20:6; Deuteronomy 5:24.

GLORIFY/GLORIFIED – δοξάζω in Greek; to recognize, honor, praise, invest with dignity, give esteem or honor. See John 7:39; 8:54; 11:4; 12:16, 23, 28; 13:31-32; 14:13; 15:8; 16:14; 17:1, 4, 5, 10; 21:19.

John 7:39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet *glorified*.

John 8:54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my *glory* is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, ‘He is our God,’

John 11:4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s *glory*, so that the Son of God may be *glorified* through it.”

John 12:16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was *glorified*, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

John 12:23 Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be *glorified*.”

John 12:28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have *glorified* it, and I will glorify it again.”

John 13:31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been *glorified*, and God has been *glorified* in him.

John 13:32 If God has been *glorified* in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

John 14:13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be *glorified* in the Son.

John 15:8 My Father is *glorified* by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

John 16:14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 17:1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,

John 17:4 I *glorified* you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

John 17:5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the *glory* that I had in your presence before the world existed.

John 17:10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been *glorified* in them.

John 21:19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

GIVEN – From δίδωμι. John 3:27; 4:10; 5:22, 27, 36; 6:39; 10:29; 12:49; 13:3; 17:2, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 22, 24; 18:11; 19:11.

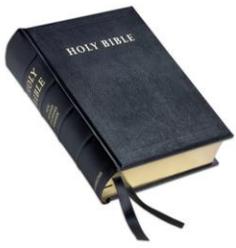
John 3:27 John answered, “No one can receive anything except what has been *given* from heaven.

John 4:10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have *given* you living water.”

John 5:22 The Father judges no one but has *given* all judgment to the Son,

John 5:27 and he has *given* him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

John 5:36 But I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has *given* me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.



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John 6:39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has *given* me, but raise it up on the last day.

John 10:29 What my Father has *given* me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

John 12:49 for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself *given* me a commandment about what to say and what to speak.

John 13:3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had *given* all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God,

John 17:2 since you have *given* him authority over all people, to *give* eternal life to all whom you have *given* him.

John 17:7 Now they know that everything you have *given* me is from you;

John 17:8 for the words that you *gave* to me I have *given* to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

John 17:11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have *given* me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

John 17:12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have *given* me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

John 17:14 I have *given* them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

John 17:22 The glory that you have *given* me I have *given* them, so that they may be one, as we are one,

John 17:24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have *given* me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have *given* me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

John 18:11 Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has *given* me?"

John 19:11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been *given* you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

Give see John 3:34; 4:14; 5:21; 6:27, 32-37, 51, 63; 10:28; 11:22, 14:16, 27; 15:16-17; 16:23; 17:2.

John 3:34 He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he *gives* the Spirit without measure.

John 4:14 but those who drink of the water that I will *give* them will never be thirsty. The water that I will *give* will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

John 5:21 Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and *gives* them life, so also the Son *gives* life to whomever he wishes.

John 6:27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will *give* you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

John 6:32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who *gave* you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who *gives* you the true bread from heaven.

John 6:33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and *gives* life to the world."

John 6:34 They said to him, "Sir, *give* us this bread always."

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

John 6:37 Everything that the Father *gives* me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;

John 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will *give* for the life of the world is my flesh."

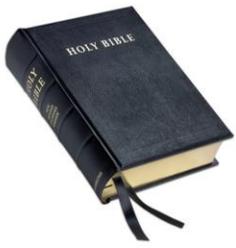
John 6:63 It is the spirit that *gives* life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

John 10:28 I *give* them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 11:22 But even now I know that God will *give* you whatever you ask of him."

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will *give* you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I *give* to you. I do not *give* to you as the world *gives*. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.



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John 15:16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will *give* you whatever you ask him in my name.

John 15:17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

John 16:23 On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will *give* it to you.

John 17:2 since you have *given* him authority over all people, to *give* eternal life to all whom you have *given* him.

Gave John 1:12; 3:16; 17:4, 6, 8, 9; 18:9.

John 1:12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he *gave* power to become children of God,

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he *gave* his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 17:4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you *gave* me to do.

John 17:6 "I have made your name known to those whom you *gave* me from the world. They were yours, and you *gave* them to me, and they have kept your word.

John 17:8 for the words that you *gave* to me I have *given* to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

John 17:9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you *gave* me, because they are yours.

John 18:9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you *gave* me."

AUTHORITY – John 5:27 and he has given him *authority* to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

John 17:2 since you have given him *authority* over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

See also Matthew 9:6, 8; 10:1; 21:23-27; 28:18; Mark 1:22, 27; 2:10; 3:15; 6:7; 11:28-33; Luke 4:6, 32, 36; 5:24; 9:1; 10:19; 12:5; 20:2-8.

MINE – ἐμὰ from ἐμός.

John 7:16 Then Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not *mine* but his who sent me.

John 14:24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not *mine*, but is from the Father who sent me.

John 16:14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is *mine* and declare it to you.

John 16:15 All that the Father has is *mine*. For this reason I said that he will take what is *mine* and declare it to you.

John 17:10 All *mine* are yours, and yours are *mine*; and I have been glorified in them.

ETERNAL LIFE – In the Gospel of John, eternal life has already begun for those who have received Jesus Christ and become children of God.

John 1:4 in him was *life*, and the *life* was the light of all people.

John 3:15 that whoever believes in him may have *eternal life*.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have *eternal life*.

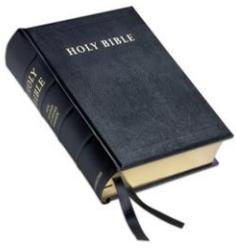
John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has *eternal life*; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

John 4:14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to *eternal life*."

John 4:36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for *eternal life*, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

John 5:24 Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has *eternal life*, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 5:39 "You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have *eternal life*; and it is they that testify on my behalf.



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John 6:27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for *eternal life*, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

John 6:40 This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have *eternal life*; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

John 6:47 Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has *eternal life*.

John 6:53-54 So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have *eternal life*, and I will raise them up on the last day;

John 6:63 It is the spirit that gives *life*; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and *life*.

John 6:68 Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of *eternal life*.

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of *life*.”

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have *life*, and have it abundantly.

John 10:28 I give them *eternal life*, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 12:25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for *eternal life*.

John 12:50 And I know that his commandment is *eternal life*. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me.”

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the *life*. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 17:2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give *eternal life* to all whom you have given him.

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

John 20:31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have *life* in his name.

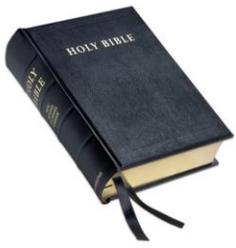
See also Matthew 19:16, 29; 25:41, 46; Mark 3:29; 10:17, 30; 16:8; Luke 10:25; 16:9; 18:18, 30; Acts 13:46, 48; Romans 2:7; 5:21, 6:22-23; Galatians 6:8; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; 2:16; 1 Timothy 1:16, 6:12; 2 Timothy 2:10; Titus 1:2, 3:7; Hebrews 5:9; 6:2; 9:12-15; 13:20; 1 Peter 5:10; 2 Peter 1:11, 3:18; 1 John 1:2; 2:25; 3:15; 5:11, 13, 20; Jude 21.

ALL PEOPLE – πάσης (all) σαρκός (flesh) from σαρξ meaning “all flesh” or “all people”. See John 1:4 (“*What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people*” ἀνθρώπων); John 2:24 (“*But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people*” πάντας); John 12:32 (“*And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself*” πάντας); John 17:2 (“*since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him*”).

For **All Flesh** see Genesis 6:12, 13, 17, 19; 7:15, 16, 21; 8:17; 9:11-17; Numbers 16:22; 27:16; Deuteronomy 5:26; 2 Samuel 5:1; 1 Chronicles 11:1; Job 34:15; Psalm 65:2; 136:25; 145:21; Isaiah 49:26; 66:16,23-24; Jeremiah 25:31; 32:27; 45:5; Ezekiel 20:48; 21:4-5; Joel 2:28; Luke 3:6; Acts 2:17. For **All peoples** see Psalm 36:7; 145:12; 148:11; Isaiah 25:6-7; 40:5-6; 56:7. See also Acts 17:30; 24:16; 1 Timothy 4:10; 1 Peter 1:17.

WHOM YOU HAVE SENT – The notion of being sent is prevalent throughout John’s gospel. John the Baptist is described in John 1:6 as “There was a man *sent* from God, whose name was John”. John says in John 1:33 “I myself did not know him, but the one who *sent* me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” In John 3:28, he says “You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah, but I have been *sent* ahead of him.’”

John 3:17 “Indeed, God did not *send* the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”



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John 3:34-36 ³⁴“He whom God has *sent* speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. ³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God’s wrath.”

John 4:34 “Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who *sent* me and to complete his work.’”

John 5:23 “Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who *sent* him.”

John 5:24 ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who *sent* me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 5:30 “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who *sent* me.

John 5:33 You *sent* messengers to John, and he testified to the truth.

John 5:36 But I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has *sent* me.

John 5:37 And the Father who *sent* me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form,

John 5:38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has *sent*.

John 6:29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has *sent*.”

John 6:38 for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who *sent* me.

John 6:39 And this is the will of him who *sent* me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

John 6:44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who *sent* me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

John 6:57 Just as the living Father *sent* me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

John 7:16 Then Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine but his who *sent* me.

John 7:18 Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who *sent* him is true, and there is nothing false in him.

John 7:28 Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who *sent* me is true, and you do not know him.

John 7:29 I know him, because I am from him, and he *sent* me.”

John 7:32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering such things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees *sent* temple police to arrest him.

John 7:33 Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little while longer, and then I am going to him who *sent* me.

John 8:16 Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who *sent* me.

John 8:18 I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who *sent* me testifies on my behalf.”

John 8:26 I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who *sent* me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.”

John 8:29 And the one who *sent* me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.”

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he *sent* me.

John 9:4 We must work the works of him who *sent* me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

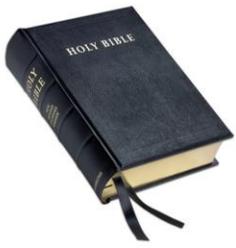
John 10:36 can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and *sent* into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’?

John 11:42 “I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you *sent* me.”

John 12:44 Then Jesus cried aloud: “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who *sent* me.

John 12:45 And whoever sees me sees him who *sent* me.

John 12:49 for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who *sent* me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak.



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John 13:16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who *sent* them.

John 13:20 Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I *send* receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who *sent* me.”

John 14:24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who *sent* me.

John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will *send* in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

John 15:21 But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who *sent* me.

John 15:26 When the Advocate comes, whom I will *send* to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

John 16:5 But now I am going to him who *sent* me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to you advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will *send* him to you.

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

John 17:8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you *sent* me.

John 17:18 As you have *sent* me into the world, so I have *sent* them into the world.

John 17:21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, 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.

John 17:23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have *sent* me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:25 “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have *sent* me.

John 20:21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has *sent* me, so I *send* you.”

IN YOUR PRESENCE – The notion that Jesus was in the presence of God before the creation of the world is expressed in John 1:1-3: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.* It is also expressed in John 1:10-11: *He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.* Also in John 1:14: *And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.* And John 1:18: *No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.*

Other passages in John that support the pre-existence of Christ are:

John 3:13 *No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.*

John 6:33 *For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”*

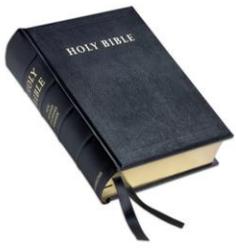
John 6:38 *for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.*

John 6:62 *Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?*

John 8:23 *He said to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.*

John 8:58 *Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.”*

John 16:28 *I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.”*



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See also Romans 8:3; 1 John 1:2; Galatians 4:4; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:2.

THEY HAVE KEPT YOUR WORD – τετήρησαν third person plural, perfect active indicative of τηρέω which means “to watch over”, “to guard”, “to keep”, or “to protect, keep intact.” It has the sense of obedience here.

λόγον masculine singular accusative from λόγος “word”. The Word is used frequently in John.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the *Word*, and the *Word* was with God, and the *Word* was God.

John 1:14 And the *Word* became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

John 2:22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the *word* that Jesus had spoken.

John 3:34 He whom God has sent speaks the *words* of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.

John 4:41 And many more believed because of his *word*.

John 4:50 Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the *word* that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way.

John 5:24 Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my *word* and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 5:38 and you do not have his *word* abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The *words* that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

John 6:68 Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the *words* of eternal life.

John 7:40 When they heard these *words*, some in the crowd said, “This is really the prophet.”

John 8:20 He spoke these *words* while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

John 8:31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my *word*, you are truly my disciples;

John 8:37 I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my *word*.

John 8:43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot accept my *word*.

John 8:47 Whoever is from God hears the *words* of God. The reason you do not hear them is that you are not from God.”

John 8:51 Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my *word* will never see death.”

John 8:52 The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, ‘Whoever keeps my *word* will never taste death.’

John 8:55 though you do not know him. But I know him; if I would say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his *word*.

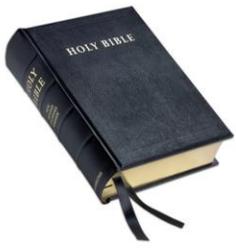
John 10:19 Again the Jews were divided because of these *words*.

John 10:21 Others were saying, “These are not the *words* of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

John 10:35 If those to whom the *word* of God came were called ‘gods’—and the scripture cannot be annulled—

John 12:47 I do not judge anyone who hears my *words* and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

John 12:48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my *word* has a judge; on the last day the *word* that I have spoken will serve as judge,



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John 14:10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The *words* that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

John 14:23 Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my *word*, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

John 14:24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my *words*; and the *word* that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

John 15:3 You have already been cleansed by the *word* that I have spoken to you.

John 15:7 If you abide in me, and my *words* abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:20 Remember the *word* that I said to you, ‘Servants are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my *word*, they will keep yours also.

John 17:6 “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your *word*.

John 17:8 for the *words* that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

John 17:14 I have given them your *word*, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your *word* is truth.

John 17:20 “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their *word*,

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