

Title: The Inward Focus - The Heart of Jesus for Himself
Text: John 17:1-5 **December 6, 2020**

Walk-In: Sometimes you happen on things and know your intruding a bit. That's almost how you feel when you come to the prayer of Jesus in John 17. We call it the high priestly prayer of Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane just prior to His arrest. This prayer truly is the Lord's Prayer unlike the one we just finished exploring. Yet here is a picture of intimacy and transparency in prayer that you don't always hear. Let's carefully eavesdrop into the heart of our Lord for Himself.

First, he prayed over His T_____.
"Father, the time has come" **John 17:1**

- Jesus was a man with a clear **M**_____.
- Jesus was a man with an understanding of **T**_____.
- Jesus was a man who never seemed in a **H**_____.

Then, Jesus prayed over His G_____.
"...that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him."
John 17:2

The gift of Jesus to us is **E**_____ **L**_____!

- That gift is **given** because of his divine **A**_____.
"You have granted him authority over all people."

- That gift is **receivable** because of God's **I**_____.
- That gift is **focused** on **I**_____.
*"...that they may **know** you..."* vs.3

Finally, Jesus prayed over his W_____.
"I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do." **John 17:4**

It was **C**_____ by Christ. **John 17:4 b**

It was **G**_____ by the Father. **John 17:5**

Wrap-up: When we listen to the conversation (prayer) of Jesus with Abba Father we get a glimpse into the selfless heart of Christ. There is no panic in this prayer; only peace. There is no desperate grasping onto things to avoid what was coming; only the calm resolve of one who had lived a life that God had been and would be glorified in. Let's learn how to pray over the time that God gives us, the gift we give Him and the work He has for each of us to do.