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(Basic Bible in English)

Jesus is with His 11 disciples. Judas has taken off to do his thing. He's giving the last words to His disciples, and we know everyone pays attention to a dying man's last words. They are very important. Chapter 17 is all a prayer by Jesus. Jesus is continually uttering this prayer as He walks with His disciples to the garden. He's showing the solidity the disciples have with Him and the Father in heaven, that even though He's leaving, He will still be with them from heaven.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Sanctify means set aside, you are special, you belong to Jesus. Jesus didn't come to earth to get into the political turmoil of the world; He came to gather His people and give the word of God to mankind. We have to live in the world, but we don't have to be a part of it. We are set aside by the truth and believing in God's word, the truth.

20 ¶ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; He's talking about us Christians. The apostles went out and evangelized in the known world, and those they talked to spread the word further till it covered the globe. It is still going on to this day. Jesus prayed for you right here.

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. The unity of Christianity brings glory and honor to Christ in His coming. We are all united in Christ. This is why it is so bad for Christians to fight among themselves and divide up churches. We should all stand together and be bonded by God's word.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: Christ continues to emphasize this oneness in Him and the Father. God the Father wasn't approachable by the common man before Jesus came. Before we had to go through priests and such. After Christ came, we can now go directly to God the Father ourselves.

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. We are complete in His word. When you exhibit your Christian attitude in the world, it is a testimony to the world that He did come to earth in the flesh. A Christian behaving like a non-Christian is an affront to the Lord. This love that Christ talks about is a unique love between us, the Father, the Holy Spirit, and Christ.

24 ¶ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. We will not behold His glory until we are with Him. We saw a little of His glory at the transfiguration. Everything is set; God is not caught by surprise by anything. We don't need to worry about things because God has it under control.


25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. The 11 disciples have seen Jesus work miracles and teach for the last 3½ years.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them. Again, Jesus ends His prayer with this unity between the Father, the Son, and the individual.

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1 ¶ When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples. They all hung out here and had been in this garden many times.



3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. The Romans, in order to keep peace, let them have temple guards to take care of things around the Jewish temples. These Romans came with weapons and thought they were going to face a riot.

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? Jesus wasn't surprised when this guard showed up to collect Him. He wants to protect His disciples from what's about to happen. Jesus went up to the guards and asked who are you looking for?

5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. They said Jesus. He said, I am, which means I am God.

6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am, they went backward, and fell to the ground. This declaration of being God knocked these people to the ground. They couldn't stand upon the power of the statement. Most of these Roman soldiers were hardened combat troops, experienced mean soldiers, and they fell down when Jesus said "I am".

7 Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: Again, Jesus is standing up in the front and trying to protect His apostles.

9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none. Jesus said He's lost none except the Son of Perdition – Judas.

10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Peter was dedicated to protecting Christ to the death, and he proves it by pulling his sword on these hardened soldiers. He then cuts his right ear off.

11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it? Jesus told Peter to put the sword away, this must be done, and I must continue and see this through to the end.

12 Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, They tied Jesus up.

13 ¶ And led him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.

14 Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. Caiaphas was upset that Jesus was so popular and he thought Jesus was taking over the people.

15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. This other disciple is probably John, who was quite well-known among the upper class of the society.

16 But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. He goes out and uses his political influence to let Jesus go.


17 Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. First denial of Jesus by Peter, as prophesied by Jesus earlier.

18 And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

19 The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. The high priest asked Jesus, what are teaching?

20 Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Jesus teaches at the temples in public, nothing in secret.

21 Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. Jesus says bring in the witnesses. He knows the law. But really, the crucifixion of Jesus had to



happen to save mankind. We wouldn't be saved without the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus knew false witnesses would be brought forth.

22 And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? This is not quite the way you should respond to a dignitary.

23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? If I've done something that deserves slapping, slap me. But if not, why bother me?

24 Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

25 And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not.

26 One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? The high priest saw Peter in the garden with Jesus, but Peter still denies knowing Jesus.

27 Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.