Come and See Week 6

Jesus' Prayer.

Let us Pray

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Let your ways be known upon earth your saving power among the nations.

Opening Music

What if His people Prayed

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What if the armies of the Lord
Picked up and dusted off their swords
Vowed to set the captives free
And not let Satan have one more

What if His people prayed
And those who bear His name
Would humbly seek His face
And turn from their own way

What if the church for heaven's sake Finally stepped up to the plate Took and stand upon God's promise And stormed hell's rusty gates He said that they would hear His promise has been made He's answered loud and clear, Yeah If only we would pray

What if His people prayed And those who bear His name Would humbly seek His face And turn from their own way If My people called by My name
If they'll humble themselves and pray
If My people called by My name
If they'll humble themselves and pray

And what would happen if we prayed For those raised up to lead the way Then maybe kids in school could pray And unborn children see light of day

What if His people prayed
And those who bear His name
Would humbly seek His face, Yeah
And turn from their own way

What if the life that we pursue Came from a hunger for the truth What if the family turned to Jesus Stopped asking Oprah what to do He said that they would hear His promise has been made He's answered loud and clear, Yeah If only we would pray That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever. Amen

Beginning to talk

Any thought from our journey through the Lord's Prayer? Did anyone write a prayer based on the Lord's prayer?

Reading – John 17

- ¹ After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:
- "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.
- ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. 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. 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. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 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. 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.
- 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. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 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.

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those 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 they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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.

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."

Our Holy Week Conversation

Why is Jesus praying this prayer? How does this prayer compare with The Lord's Prayer?

What is eternal life? How does Jesus' definition correspond with yours? Jesus talks about 'the world'. What is his 'take' on 'the world'? Are we part of the answer to this prayer? If so, what does that mean?

Psalm 63

- You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.
- 2 I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.
- 3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.
- 4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

- 5 I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
- 6 On my bed I remember you;
 I think of you through the watches of the night.
- 7 Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.
- 8 I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.
- 9 Those who want to kill me will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth.
- 10 They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals.
- 11 But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God will glory in him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

Standing at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Silence is kept

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your mercy defend us from the perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve him with joy. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.