

JESUS' LAST WEEK: OUR HIGH PRIEST INTERCEDES FOR US BEFORE HE IS TAKEN!

Friday, April 15, 2022
SCRIPTURES OF THE DAY

[Matthew 6:10](#); [Matthew 6:31-33](#);

[John 17:1-18:4](#); [Hebrews 5:7-9](#); [Hebrews 7:24-25](#)



STUDY & REFLECTION

Our devotional scriptures capture the culmination of Jesus ministry to the disciples and to us before His arrest, scourging, and crucifixion.

We have been given by the gospel writers certain specifics of this prayer. Yet we do not know how they were communicated to the writers, *since for most of the time, Jesus was left alone* in the garden, with the three closest to Him, Peter, James, and John, asleep as He prayed. It is clear from the gospel writers that Jesus was enduring and dealing with personal stress and agony. We know that as a human vessel, He prayed until He received help and ministry from heaven for His own strength to be sufficient to complete His Mission.

Here is chapter 17 of John we have the Lord's Prayer of Intercession for us.

Here is the highest and purest example of Spiritual Intercession. The setting of these devotional scriptures and teaching will not allow us to begin to do justice to such Holy and Sacred dynamics. Suffice it to say that at least 7 glorious petitions were made by the Lord, most likely in the garden of Gethsemane, mainly for us! Here are a few of them:

- He prayed for restoration of Eternal Glory.
- He prayed for our safety and keeping from the world and the evil one.
- He prayed for our sanctification while in this earth.
- He prayed for the unity of all believers while on earth.
- He prayed for the day that all of us who know and love Him would see Him in His Glory and share in it.

The writer of Hebrews gives us a deeper, more profound look into the work of this magnificent intercession. In chapter 5 we see Jesus in the garden, offering up strong prayers and supplications for us...and He was Heard. He through the completion of His earthly ministry now becomes the **AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION TO ALL WHO OBEY HIM**. Chapter 7 reminds us that not only did He make intercession for us, even now **HE LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR US!**

ACTION ITEMS

Reflect and consider with an open heart the culmination of Jesus ministry for the disciples and us as our Intercessory High Priest.

- What does this mean to you?
- How does it effect and strengthen your faith?

INVOLVING OTHERS

Now, Jesus is about to be arrested, woefully treated and tortured. Finally condemned to the cross. **Yet Jesus is standing and fighting for us.**

In your group discussion, determine and share what effect this understanding should have on us as we endeavor to do His Will!