

Study Guide for March 13th, 2011. The Way of the Cross Part I. John 17:1-5

Introduction: As we journey through Lent – our sermons will come from the Gospel of John Chapters 17 & 18. On Good Friday (April 22nd) we will take a careful look at John’s account of the crucifixion (Chapter 19). On Easter and for the following Sundays we will conclude our study of the Gospel of John (Chapters 20 – 21). Use this time, and reflection from this portion of John’s Gospel, to reflect on the sober reality of what Christ endured on our behalf (suffering for our sin). See also, Christ’s victorious march in completing all that the Father called Him to do and His confidence in performing it.

I. The Request for Glory: (John 17:1)

- A. What had Jesus just completed telling? What is Jesus' posture for prayer?

B. In what sense has **the time, or hour, come?** (See John 12:23-24)

C. What is Jesus asking the Father "to do" for him? (See John 1:14, 13:31-32)

D. How will this glory be achieved? How can we glorify the Father?

II. The Basis of Confidence: (John 17:2)

- A. What did the Father give the Son? How do we share in this? (John 1:12)

B. For what purpose was this given? (See also John 5:21-27)

C. What further insights are provided about the Father's gift to the Son in . . .

 1) John 6:37: 2) John 10:28: 3) John 18:9:

D. How effect does it have on you to reflect on these truths?

III. The Definition of Life: (John 17:3)

- A. How does Jesus define **eternal life**?
 - B. How can anyone have access to God?
 - C. What is the only way to have access to God?

IV. The Statement of Completion: (John 17:4-5)

- A. In what sense has Jesus **completed** the work the Father gave him to do?
 - B. Compare this request (vs. 5), with Jesus earlier statement. What does he add here?