

Sermon Notes 02.21.2016 - Becoming One

We are Approaching “Resurrection Day”

We head with Jesus from the Last Supper Table and Out Across the Kidron Valley to the Mount of Olives, to the Trial and to The Cross, The Tomb and the Empty Tomb

This is the Crux of our Faith – This is Where You Decide If You Believe

The Crossroads at which you decide the crucial Question – Is He who He says He is?

John 17 – Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer

We know that Jesus prays this prayer between the Last Supper and going to the garden where He is betrayed because when he finished praying, that’s where He goes. He is Outside, because “lifting His eyes to heaven” He speaks. He is somewhere between the upper room and the Golden or Eastern Gate of Jerusalem. (Read John 17)

“That They May All Be One” – Let’s Talk About Application of Each of the Means

What is it That Makes Us “One”?

A Beginning Point – Knowing God & Jesus Christ - Jesus Gives Us Eternal Life

John 17:2-3 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to **all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.** ³ **This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

- We are one because we know Him
- We are one because we belonged to the Father and He gave us to Christ

John 17:6 "I have manifested Your name to **the men whom You gave Me** out of the world; **they were Yours and You gave them to Me**, and they have kept Your word.

We Have the Word of God – The actual words

John 17:7-8 "Now they have come to know that **everything You have given Me is from You;** ⁸ **for the words which You gave Me I have given to them;** and **they received them** and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.

- **Through the Word - We Understand and Believe Jesus came from the Father**
- **We are Sanctified and Sent by the Word of God – The Word of Truth**

John 17:15-17 "**I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.** ¹⁶ "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ "**Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.**

John 17:18 "**As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.**

John 17:20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for **those also who believe in Me through their word;** ²¹ **that they may all be one;** even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

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We Have His Name – What is in a “Name”

John 17:11 "I am no longer in the world; and *yet* they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. **Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.***

Joh 17:26 and **I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.**"

We Have the Glory – The Splendor & Dignity that belongs to Someone who belongs to God

John 17:22-23 "**The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;** 23 **I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.**

Inward rather than Outward

2 Corinthians 4:6-7 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness,"

is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of

the glory of God in the face of Christ. 7 **But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will**

be of God and not from ourselves;