

The Heart and Mind of Christ – I – The Surprising Prayer – John 17:1

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Description

— How can you tell what is most important to someone? How can you tell what is most important to you? Just look at the content of your prayers. Whatever things a man prays are THE most important, highest priority things in his life. So, what did Jesus pray for? The entire chapter of John 17 is a prayer of Jesus. It is his heart cry! In the next several weeks, we will look at this prayer, the longest recorded prayer of Christ, and we will learn Jesus' highest priorities. We will see into the heart and mind of Christ.

The Lord's Prayer Surprises

I. Jesus prayed.

- **Hebrews 4:16** | *Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.* (CSB)

II. Jesus prayed with his whole body.

- **Psalms 119:145a** | *I call with all my heart...* (CSB)
- Lessons...
 - Don't be so casual about your prayers that you fail to approach God with reverence and seriousness.
 - Don't let your prayers be so silent that they fizzle into distraction.

III. Jesus prayed for himself.

- Don't pray *me for me*, rather pray *me for you*.