

Thursday, February 27
Share the Food
John 17:1-8

Jesus glorifies God through His death. Jesus' death offers eternal life. Jesus reveals God's Words. Disciples believe.

Jesus came with a purpose. A part of His purpose was to teach the truth. Truth's revelations caused disciples to believe and obey. Some went on a mission trip without a suitcase, cell phone, tablet, or money! One walked on water, in the middle of the sea, in the late hours of night, during powerful wind gusts! Some untied a donkey and walked away with it. They said no more than, "Jesus needs it."

They did these kinds of things because, after hearing the truth for three years (often in very graphic terms ... plucking out an eye ... cutting off an arm ... kinda hard to forget that type of teaching), they believed – as much as they were able – before a resurrection transformed them. They knew, no longer guessed or wondered, that Jesus was of God.

We all have a universal purpose – to know God and make Him known. I know God by feeding on His Words. I make Him known by sharing the food He feeds me ... by living the truth Jesus taught.

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John 17:1-8 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

17 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.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

6 “I have revealed you[a] 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.

Footnotes:

John 17:6 Greek your name