

## **Still in the World**

John 17

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Jesus prayed:

Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that your Son may glorify you. I am glorifying you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me alongside yourself. Give me the same glory I had with you before the world existed.

The people you gave me know that I came from you and that you sent me. You have allowed me to give them eternal life. To have eternal life is to know you, the one true God, and the one you sent, Jesus the Messiah.

They are still in the world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them so they may be one, just as we are. Up to now, I kept watch over them; and not one of them has been lost (except the one who is betraying me, the one the scriptures destined for destruction).

I have given them your Word. Just as you sent me into the world, I have sent them. The world hates them, because they no longer belong to the world, but to you. Protect them from the Evil One. Set them apart for holiness by means of the truth of your Word.

I pray not only for them, but for those who will trust in me because of them. May they all be one, united just as we are, united with each other and with us. Then the world will realize that you sent me and that you love them just as you love me.

Righteous Father, I made you known to them so that your love may be in them, and I myself may be united with them.