

**learning
prayer
from the
words of
JESUS**

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INTRODUCTION

No one has ever prayed like Jesus. No one understands prayer like Jesus. No one has ever taught about prayer like Jesus. And should that surprise us? Jesus is God and with God there is absolute wisdom, knowledge and perfection in all things.

But Jesus also came to the earth as a man. He was God in the flesh—yes—but also a man in the flesh. He grew weary and tired (Jn. 4:6); experienced sadness (Jn. 11:35); expressed deep emotion (Mt. 26:39); was deeply troubled and distressed (Mk. 14:33); demonstrated hope and longing (Mt. 23:37); struggled with loneliness (Jn. 16:32); was tempted in every way possible (Heb. 2:18) and he suffered greatly (1 Ptr. 2:21).

In other words, Jesus, in many ways, was very much like us.

The New Testament tells us that Jesus often withdrew to lonely places to pray (Mt. 14:23, 26:36; Mk. 1:35, 6:46; Lk. 5:36, Lk. 6:12). He prayed openly for His disciples (Jn. 17) and even now intercedes in prayer for us (Heb. 7:25).

Jesus taught His disciples, those who followed Him, those upon whom He entrusted the spreading of the Gospel—how to pray (Lk. 11:1). Who better is there then, from whom we can learn how to pray?

So, let us go no further, my friends. Let's go right to the source—to the words of Jesus—and learn all about prayer.

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