
SUNDAY SCRIPTURES MAY 12TH

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 • Psalm 1 • 1 John 5:9-13 • John 17:6-19

They prayed, *"Lord, you know everyone's deepest thoughts and desires.* Acts 1:24

The LORD is intimately acquainted with the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is destroyed Ps 1:6

I write these things to you who believe in the name of God's Son so *that you can know that you have life from above.* Jn 5:13

Now I'm coming to you, and I say these things while I'm in the world so *that they can share completely in my joy.* I gave your word to them, and the world hated them, *because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one.* They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. *Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth.* As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I made myself holy on their behalf so *that they also would be made holy in the truth.* John 17:13-19

For Reflection: Christian faith holds out to us some priceless offers:

That we who follow Jesus are well known by God.

That God is intimately acquainted with us and our ways.

That in the big picture, a Christian life is about more than what we can easily see.

That, even in *this* complicated world where hate and evil are familiar, we might "share completely in God's joy" and know the truth of things.

May we be one as They are one, kept safe as we are being sent into the world, and made holy by the truth of love. AMEN.



Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Common English Bible

1:15 During this time, the family of believers was a company of about one hundred twenty persons. Peter stood among them and said, 16 "Brothers and sisters, the scripture that the Holy Spirit announced beforehand through David had to be fulfilled. This was the scripture concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. 17 This happened even though he was one of us and received a share of this ministry."

21 "Therefore, we must select one of those who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus lived among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken from us. This person must become along with us a

witness to his resurrection." 23 So they nominated two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

24 They prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two 25 to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." 26 When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1 Common English Bible

The truly happy person
doesn't follow wicked advice,
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.
² Instead of doing those things,
these persons love the LORD's Instruction,
& they recite God's Instruction day & night!
³ They are like a tree replanted by streams of
water, which bears fruit at just the right time
and whose leaves don't fade.
Whatever they do succeeds.

⁴ That's not true for the wicked!
They are like dust that the wind blows away.
⁵ And that's why the wicked will have no
standing in the court of justice—
neither will sinners
in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶ The LORD is intimately acquainted
with the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

1 John 5:9-13 Common English Bible

⁹ If we receive human testimony, God's testimony is greater, because this is what God testified: he has testified about his Son. ¹⁰ The one who believes in God's Son has the testimony within; the one who doesn't believe God has made God a liar, because that one has not believed the testimony that God gave about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave eternal life to us, and this life is in his Son. ¹² The one who has the Son has life. The one who doesn't have God's Son does not have life.
¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of God's Son so that you can know that you have eternal life.

John 17:6-19 Common English Bible

⁶ "I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

⁹ "I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, *that they will be one just as we are one*. ¹² When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³ Now I'm coming to you, and I say these things while I'm

in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. 14 I gave your word to them, and the world hated them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. 15 *I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one.* 16 They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. 17 Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.