



Jesus was Jewish. He ate like a Jew, dressed like a Jew, taught like a Jew, and prayed like a Jew. So what were his prayers like?

There was something different about the way Jesus prayed.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” Luke 11:1 (NLT)

To Jesus, prayer was more than a spiritual duty. It was about being with the Father.

- He liked to pray outdoors (Luke 5:16).
- He often got up really early to pray (Mark 1:35).
- Sometimes he prayed late at night (Mark 6:46).
- He prayed in private and in public (Luke 9:28).
- He prayed when making big decisions (Luke 6:12).
- He prayed when he was thankful (Matt. 11:25).
- He prayed when he was upset (Mark 14:32).

Perhaps the most unique thing about the way Jesus prayed was that he addressed God as “My Father” (Abba).

Abba = Daddy

- Belonging & Commitment
- Nearness
- Affection & Tenderness

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Jesus invites us to pattern our prayers after His and approach God as our heavenly “Daddy” (ref. Luke 11:2).

Our image of God shapes our prayers.

If we first think of God as *Master*, we will think of ourselves as *servants*. If we first think of Him as *Creator*, we will think of ourselves as *creatures*. If we first think of Him as *King*, we will think of ourselves as *subjects*. If we first think of Him as a *Lawgiver*, we will think of ourselves as *law-keepers* (or *breakers*). If we first think of Him as *Daddy*, we will think of ourselves as *dearly loved children*.

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

Galatians 4:6–7

God is unlike any father who has ever lived because God is a “perfect father.” He is a giver of good gifts (ref. Matt 7:7–11), welcomes prodigals home rather than disowning them (ref. Luke 15), and never plays favorites.

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