

# **“Joy in the Mourning”**

**John 16: 16-22**

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## Outline

*“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock.” Matthew 7:24-25*

*“In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”*

*<sup>17</sup> At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father?’” <sup>18</sup> They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”*

*<sup>19</sup> Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’? <sup>20</sup> Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.” John 16:16-22*

### I. Christ’s Joy is Inevitable.

*“You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.”(vs. 20) “You will rejoice” (vs. 22) “and no one will take away your joy.” (vs. 22)*

*The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing”. Zephaniah 3:17 God of joy?*

*“They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity.” Acts 2:46*

### II. Christ’s Joy is Continual.

*“A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.” (vs. 21)*

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He *“remembers our sins no more?”* Hebrews 8:12

What the Gospel Is:

- Is it true that God’s Son came into the world to die on the cross in order to pay for my sins?
- Is it true that He now lives in order to put His glory in me?
- Is it true that He reigns in heaven in order to sustain all things?
- Is it true that he will return one day to restore all things and make everything that’s wrong with this world, right?

*“Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing.”* I Corinthians 6:10

III. Christ’s Joy is Transcendent.

*“No one takes it from us,”* (vs. 22)

IV. Christ’s Joy is Possible.

*“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”*  
John 15:11