

Joy: The Joy of Jesus

John 16: 19-24

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Outline

19 Jesus realized they wanted to ask him about it, so he said, "Are you asking yourselves what I meant? I said in a little while you won't see me, but a little while after that you will see me again. 20 I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. 21 It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. 22 So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy. 23 At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. 24 You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy. John 16:19-24

"Some cavemen learned that it paid to restrain their impulses through courtesy, manners, and customs. It was worth it to avoid living near people who were perpetually furious." ~Judith Martin, from "Miss Manners Saves Civilization,"

"So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." 2 Corinthians 3:18.

I. Joy is Inevitable.

"I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy." (vs. 20)

"So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit..." I Thessalonians 1:6 "

"For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Romans 14:17

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II. The Structure of Joy.

"When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world." (vs. 21)

III. The Growth of Joy

"My hour is not yet." John 2:10

"at the 6th hour darkness filled the earth and Jesus cried out in agony: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:45-46

And when he marked off the earth's foundations,

³⁰ I was the architect at his side.

I was his constant delight,

rejoicing always in his presence.

³¹ And how happy I was with the world he created;

how I rejoiced with the human family!

³² "And so, my children, listen to me,

for all who follow my ways are joyful.

³³ Listen to my instruction and be wise.

Don't ignore it.

³⁴ Joyful are those who listen to me,

"for the joy set before him he endured the cross." Hebrews 12:2