

## Finding Joy Again!

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Text: John 16:16-24

*'So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your hearts will rejoice, and no one will rob you of your joy.'* John 16:22

### Introduction

1. Joy is associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

*But the angel said to them, 'Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David.'* Luke 2:10-11

2. Joy is associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

*'I tell you, in the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who repents.'* Luke 15:10

3. Joy is associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

*'I have spoken these things to you so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.'* John 15:11

4. Joy is associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

*So, departing quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell His disciples the news.* Matthew 28:8

5. Joy is associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

*'After worshiping Him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they were continually in the temple complex blessing God.'* Luke 24:52-53

### **What Did Jesus Have to Say to His Disciples Just Before He Died?**

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ their questions.

*'Jesus knew they wanted to question Him, so He said to them . . .'* John 16:19a

2. He spoke of what was \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

*'I assure you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful but your sorrow will turn to joy.'* John 16:20

3. He promised no one would \_\_\_\_\_ them of their joy. (v. 22)

4. He promised that their joy would be \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 24)

*'Until now you have asked for nothing in My name. Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be complete.'* John 16:24

### **How Can I Find Joy Again?**

1. What's the \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. Some people become \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Some people become \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Some people become \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Some people become \_\_\_\_\_.

2. What's the \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. Return to the \_\_\_\_\_ of joy.
- b. Realize the \_\_\_\_\_ for joy.
- c. Reflect on the \_\_\_\_\_ of joy.
- d. Rest in the arms of \_\_\_\_\_.

*'You love Him, though you have not seen Him. And though not seeing Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.'* 1 Peter 1:8-9

### **Conclusion**

1. There is a joy that is \_\_\_\_\_ and lasting.
2. It is found in a \_\_\_\_\_, not a place or a thing.
3. There is only one person who can bring you \_\_\_\_\_ joy.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus who is the only source of Joy.

*'So there was great joy in that city.'* Acts 8:8

### **Questions for Small Group:**

1. Where have you searched for joy in the past?
2. What types of sorrows have you been through?
3. What do the promises of Jesus in this passage say to you?
4. How will you respond to Him?