

# The Gospel According To John

## Sorrow Turned to Joy

*John 16:16-33*

### Sorrow in the world (v. 16-20a)

#### The Sorrow of the Cross

- The cross is imminent (v. 16-19).
- The disciple's sorrow, resulting from a lack of understanding, will be transformed to joy (v. 20-22).
- The very event that caused the sorrow and pain, will be the very event that would be the cause of great rejoicing (v. 20-22). The cross is not a cause for sorrow but for joy! *Luke 24:21, 36-53, Gal. 6:14*
- The world's rejoicing will be brief and come to a sudden end (v. 20,33).

### Joy in Christ (v. 20b-33)

#### The Joy of Resurrection (v. 20-22)

- The illustration of birth where suffering leads to glory (v. 20-21). *Isa. 26:16-21*
- We've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in our hearts because we shall see and be with Jesus (v. 22). *John 20:20*

#### The Joy of Answered Prayer (v. 23-24, 26-27)

- Prayer in Jesus' name signifies a new order; praying as friends, not servants.
- Neither David Nor Abraham Ever Asked For Anything in Jesus' Name.
- The joy that comes from fruit-bearing and obedience springs from prayer.

#### The Joy of Understanding a Crucified Messiah (v. 25-30)

- There is increased understanding after the resurrection.
- The Father's great love is shown in the giving of His Son.
- The Father loves the disciples because they love Christ and believe that He came from God.

#### The Joy of a Savior who has Overcome the World (v. 31-33)

- It's Friday; but Sunday's a coming!
- In the world Christians will have trouble, but in Christ there is peace.
- Peace comes from the Word of Christ and the reality revealed therein.
- Believers can take heart because Jesus has won the decisive victory. Knowing who triumphs in the end helps us to share His peace. *Rom. 8:31-39*
- Do you now believe?