

Three Reasons Why This Joy is So Powerful

1. The resurrection proves Jesus is the _____ of God and all God's _____ are true in Him.

2. The resurrection proves _____ will never _____.

3. The resurrection proves _____ will never _____.

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Jesus and Resurrection Joy

John 16:16-22

Sunday, January 21, 2024

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In John 16, Jesus tells his twelve disciples that He will turn their sorrow into joy when they see Him again and that no one will be able to take this joy from them. This is the great promise of the Gospel for all who look to Jesus.

One Present-Future Joy

Jesus is talking about a joy created by the realization of His own _____ from the dead.

Two Powerful Facts About This Joy

1. Resurrection joy is birthed through and transforms _____.

2. Resurrection joy is _____ and _____.

TAKING ACTION

Every one of us experiences sorrows in this life. Is there a particular sorrow you're experiencing now? Ponder how that sorrow might be turned into joy by the Gospel of the Resurrected Jesus either along the way or one day. Take your sorrow to Jesus, "a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief". (Is. 53:3) Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. (1 Pt. 5:7)

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus and the Overcoming of the World | John 16:23-33*

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Take time to share highs and lows, joys and sorrows from the last week. Share life together!

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 16:16-24 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. It's understandable that the disciples are confused. Jesus, as usual, is being vague and cryptic! With the advantage of hindsight, how do we know that Jesus, in John 16 is talking about His resurrection? Can you prove this from the text? Read John 20:20 for some more proof.
3. When you're not drawing your joy from the well of Jesus' resurrection, what worldly wells are you drawing joy from?

4. Jesus teaches in John 16 that, like in childbirth, resurrection joy is birthed through and transforms sorrows! How is this true in Jesus' experience? How is this true in the first disciple's experience? How have you personally experienced this truth in your life?

5. Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. How does this passage connect to and relate to John 16?

6. Can you recall (without looking) the 3 reasons why resurrection joy transforms our sorrows and is invincible/indestructible?

7. How do we practically go to "the well of resurrection joy" instead of all the empty and dry wells the world promises, but which never satisfy?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

Get started with this week's TAKING ACTION together!

- Share a current sorrow and cast those anxieties on Jesus, because He cares for you. Go to the well of resurrection joy together.