



# SORROW JOY

JOHN 16:16-33

This world is broken, troubled, hurting, angry, and opposed to God's path to happiness, yet Jesus wants to make it perfectly clear that He, and He alone, brings joy that will last forever.



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<sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" 18 So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?

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<sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, **you will weep and lament**, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>23</sup> In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

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- This joy will be full



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<sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.



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## John 15:7-8

<sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask <u>whatever</u> you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this <u>my Father is</u> glorified, <u>that you bear much fruit</u> and so prove to be my disciples.



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- Father is glorified by our joyful experience of His answering our prayers for His glory



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- Fearlessly take Jesus' love to the world



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Jesus knowingly chooses broken, hurting, imperfect people to promote His glorious gospel.

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- Jesus gives us direct access to the Heavenly Father.
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- Jesus has overcome every obstacle to our eternal happiness.



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- One day everyone will acknowledge Jesus as THE CONQUEROR

