



FOLLOWING JESUS IN A FALLEN WORLD

Joy in the Mourning
John 16.16–33
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1.8.23

Notes:

1. **Confusion** (16.16–18)

2. **Clarification** (16.19–28)

3. **Courage** (16.29–33)



Here is your “One Thing” for this week: Meditate on this passage.

How does the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus bring “joy” (vs. 20–24), “love” (vs. 27), and “peace” (vs. 33) to your life?

- I. **EQUIP** — Re-read this passage and note all of the times “joy” or “rejoice” is used. What does Jesus say about “joy” in this passage? What other Bible passages address joy (i.e., Psalm 30)?

- II. **ENGAGE** — What is the difference between happiness and joy? How are people tempted to find joy in the wrong places (possessions, people, prosperity, pleasures, etc.)? How does the Gospel encourage us to find our joy only in Jesus?

- III. **EXALT** — How does the love of God for you (verse 27) motivate you to EXALT Him today? How can you enjoy your direct and unfettered access to the Father?