

# *Light and Life:* Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **Take Heart, Jesus Wins!**

**Jesus' presence and our joy ...**

**John 16:16-20 (ESV)**

<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'?" <sup>18</sup> 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'?" <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.**

*The Resurrection as the root of joy ...*

**Childbirth as a metaphor for life ...**

**John 16:21-24 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

*Everlasting joy requires ...*

*The Resurrection opens up the storehouse of heaven ...*

## Straight talk and the unfolding revelation of Jesus ...

### John 16:25-30 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

<sup>29</sup> His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!

<sup>30</sup> Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

## Jesus' ultimate message of encouragement:

### John 16:31-33 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup> Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But **take heart; I have overcome the world.**"

*Faith challenged ...*

*Persecution ...*

*Apostasy ...*

*Tribulation ...*

*But ...*

## 5 Conclusions:

\_\_\_\_\_ is a necessary part of God's process in developing me.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the God-intended way I face every challenge.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the essence of God's promise.

\_\_\_\_\_ requires a choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ wins.