

# The Gospel of **JOHN** *"Come and See"*

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John 16:16-24

*"The Joy"*

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## John 16:16-24

“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.

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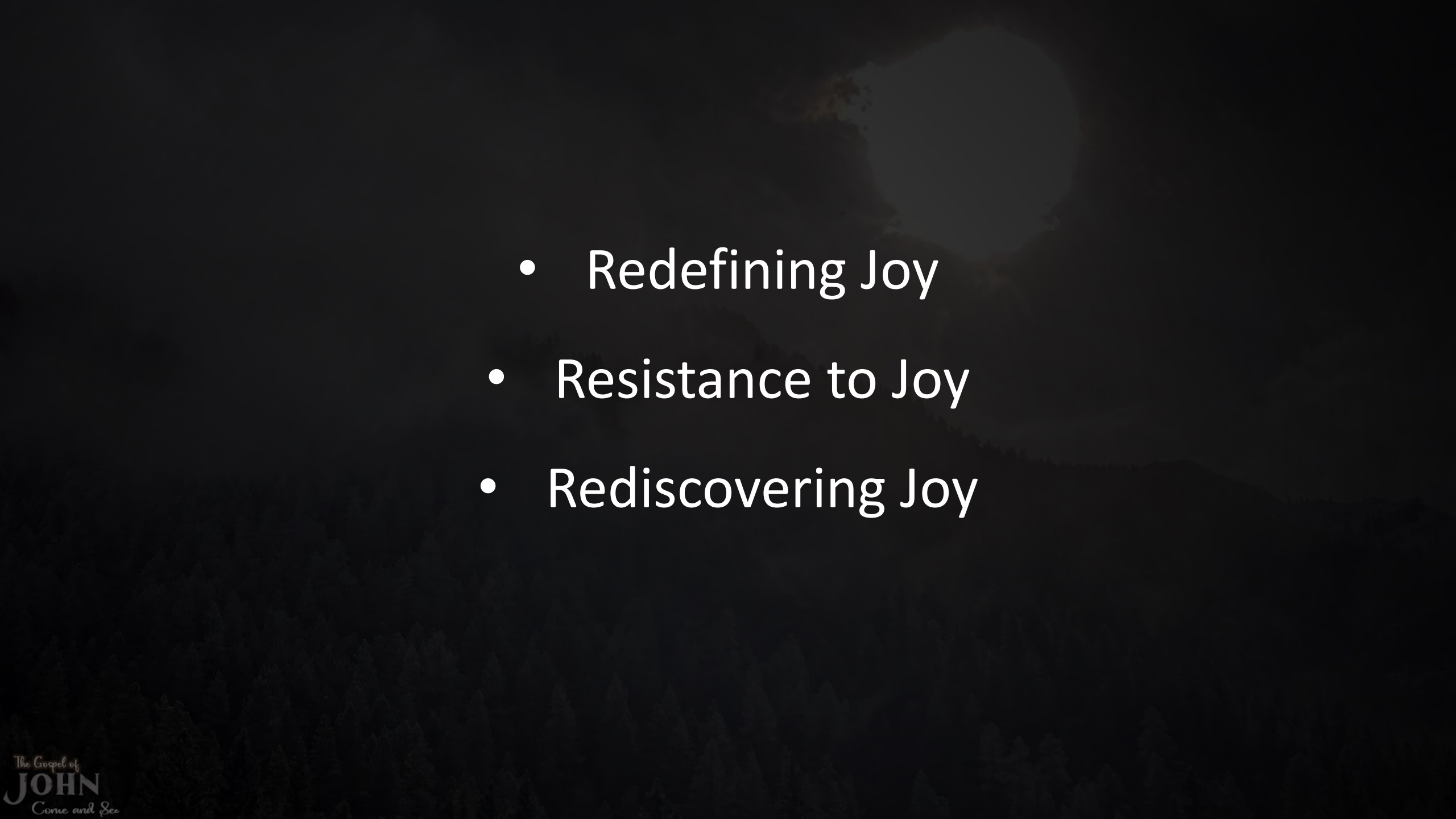
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## What Does it Mean for Me?

Prayer  
Community  
Introspection



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- Redefining Joy
  - Resistance to Joy
  - Rediscovering Joy

# Redefining Joy

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

-The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

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We are made out of the overflow of God's Joy

Psalm 63:5

My **soul** will be satisfied as  
with fat and rich food,  
and my mouth will praise  
you with joyful lips,

Matthew 5:12

Rejoice and be glad, **FOR**  
your reward is great in  
heaven, for so they  
persecuted the prophets  
who were before you.

Psalm 43:4

Then I will go to the altar of  
God, to **God my exceeding**  
**joy**, and I will praise you with  
the lyre, O God, my God.

Satisfaction of the Soul

Based on God's Promises

Produces Peace and Worship

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Joy is a Satisfaction of the Soul  
Anchored in an Assurance of God's Love  
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Philippians 4:4  
Rejoice *in the Lord* always;  
again I will say, rejoice.



# Resistance to Joy

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But the reality is...

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When I don't have joy, how am I stifling it?

# Resistance to Joy

Circumstances

Complaining

Fear

Control

Artificial

Denial

# Resistance to Joy

Psalm 4:7

You have put more joy in my heart  
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

Happiness can get in the way of my joy  
It is a gift, but can become counterfeit joy

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“I might believe in the Redeemer if his  
followers looked more redeemed.”  
— Frederick Nietzsche



# Rediscovering to Joy

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Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the  
alley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
**FOR** you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

# Rediscovering to Joy

“A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
and again a little while, and ***you will see me.***”

Their greatest source of pain and sadness  
will result in the world's greatest source of Joy,  
which will be even greater BECAUSE of The Cross

Psalm 30:11

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth  
and clothed me with gladness,



# Rediscovering to Joy

**Jesus found JOY while suffering  
the worst pain and sorrow that has ever existed**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

# What Can I Do?

## Future-Fulfillment-Focus

Isaiah 51:11-12

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

# What Can I Do?

## Thankfulness

Philippians 4:6

do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication *with thanksgiving* let your requests be made known to God.

# What Can I Do?

## Faith-Based-Self-Talk

Psalm 42:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation <sup>6</sup> and my God.

*Instead of Eeyore Self-Talk*

*22<sup>b</sup> and no one will take your joy from you.*

## Unceasing

### Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”



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- I have been made out of Joy, for Joy
- My destination is not determined by my situation
- When all is said and done, I am loved and will be made whole

# Benediction

Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.

Malachi 4:2

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with  
healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.