

The Humble King: Joy

Question: What gives you Joy?

So, what guarantees happiness? Is it money? Success? Finding your dream relationship?
(*Spoiler: not exactly.*)

The truth is, most of what we *think* will make us happy... does not.

We are Bad at Predicting What Makes Us Happy Most of us are chasing happiness in all the wrong places. We think, “*Once I get that promotion, hit that goal weight, or buy that house, THEN I’ll be happy.*” (*The name for this is destination anxiety.*)

So, if external achievements do not lead to lasting happiness, what does?

The Difference between Happiness & Joy: Happiness is situational, Joy is Constant:

JOY IS OFFERED IN AND THROUGH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS!

THE HUMBLE KING OF HEAVEN OFFERS THE DEEPEST JOY IN RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!

What is the Joy, Jesus desires to offer you Today & Tomorrow?

For Mary, Shepherds, Elizabeth, The Prophetess Anna – for them, JESUS meant joy!

(Luke 1:41). ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

- 1. The Kingdom Comes with Joy** Jesus offers us JOY that the World CANNOT GIVE! You will not find TRUE JOY without JESUS!

John 7:38 New International Version (NIV)

³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

- 2. The Kingdom Comes with Laughter** Many people who come to faith in Jesus have a story that includes the word “joy.” Joy is a sustained sense of well-being, dictated not by circumstance, but rather by relationship. The Humble King of Joy.

- 3. The Kingdom Comes with Singing** YOU CANNOT WORSHIP & WORRY AT THE SAME TIME
. (Francis of Assisi) “The proud rarely sing – but the humble cannot sing enough.”

Can we be both Fully Real in our Sorrow & Fully Joyful in our Salvation?

- 4. THE KINGDOM JOY OF OUR SALVATION: Romans 5:1-11 (11)**

Closing Prayer for JOY