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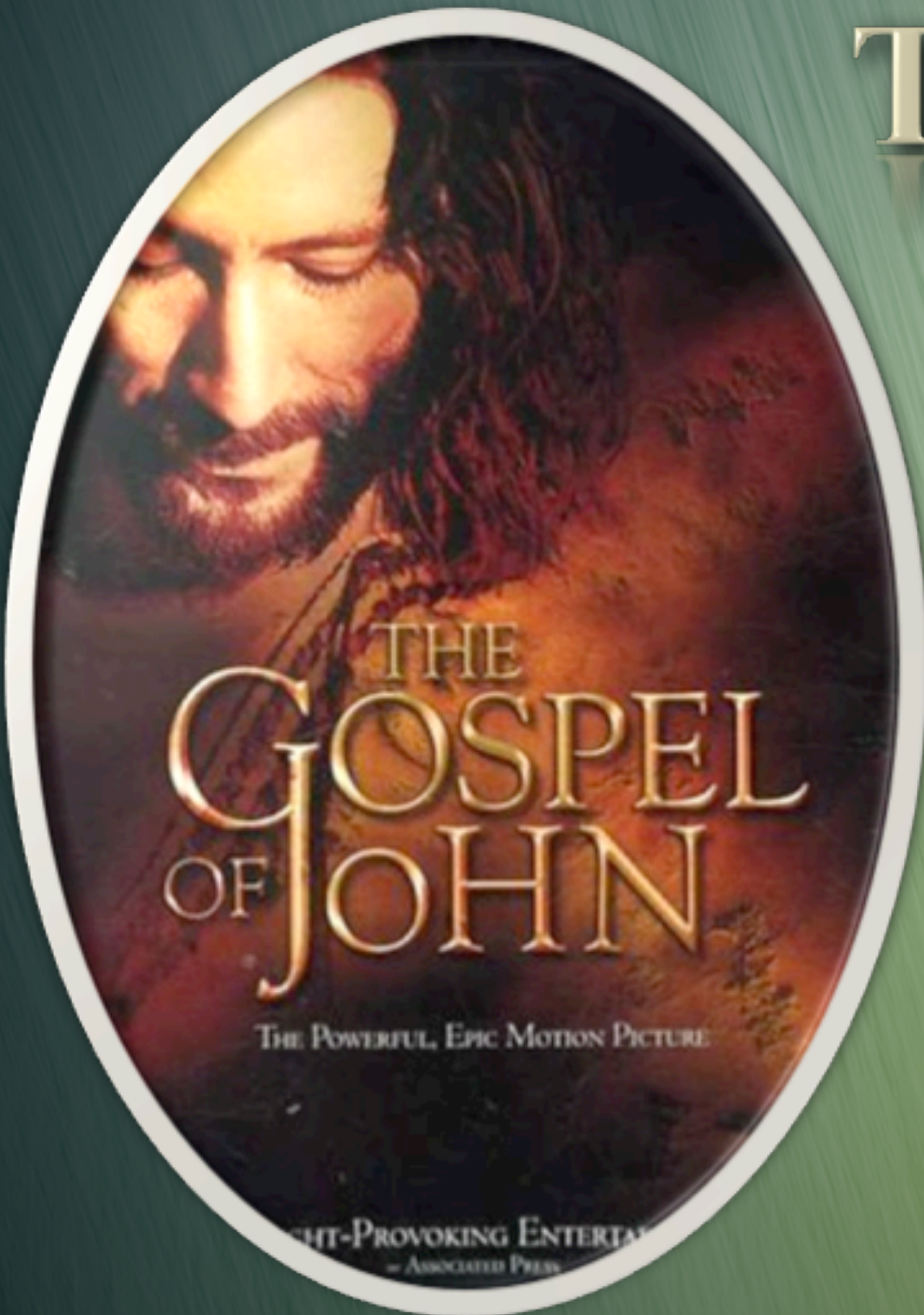
**"NO ONE CAN TAKE YOUR
JOY" – JOHN 16:16-33**

"No One Can Take Your Joy"

THEME

John 20:30-31 (NKJV)

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.



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JESUS PREPARES HIS DISCIPLES FOR HIS IMMINENT DEATH



Chapters 13–17 – Jesus privately teaching His apostles, preparing them for His death.

Let NOT your heart be troubled (14:1)

Heaven is REAL & it's accessible – it is in & through Jesus Christ – (John 14:5,6)

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- ◆ The true Vine – 15:1–11
- ◆ Promise of the Holy Spirit – 14:26; 15:26
- ◆ Jesus told these things so when they happen they will believe – 16:1–4
- ◆ The Holy Spirit would convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment – 16:8–15

JOHN 16:16-33 (NKJV)

¹⁶ “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.” ¹⁷ Then some of His disciples said among themselves, “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 go to the Father’?”



JOHN 16:16-33 (NKJV)

¹⁸ They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying." ¹⁹ Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"



JOHN 16:16-33 (NKJV)

²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. ²¹ A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

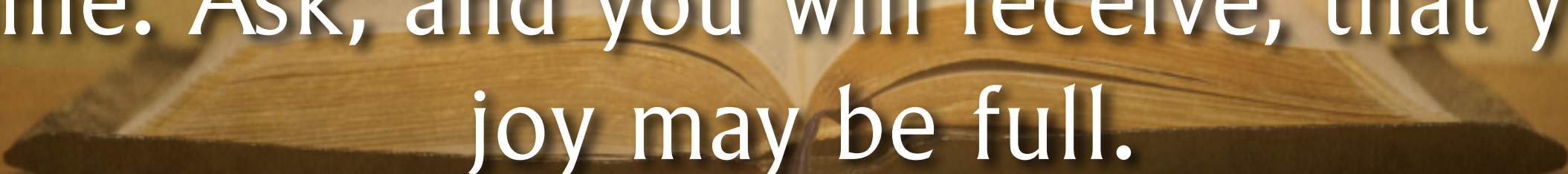


JOHN 16:16-33 (NKJV)

²² Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. ²³


“And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.



JOHN 16:16-33 (NKJV)

25 “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;



JOHN 16:16-33 (NKJV)

²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. ²⁸ I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.” ²⁹ His disciples said to Him, “See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech!



JOHN 16:16-33 (NKJV)

³⁰ Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.” ³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?”



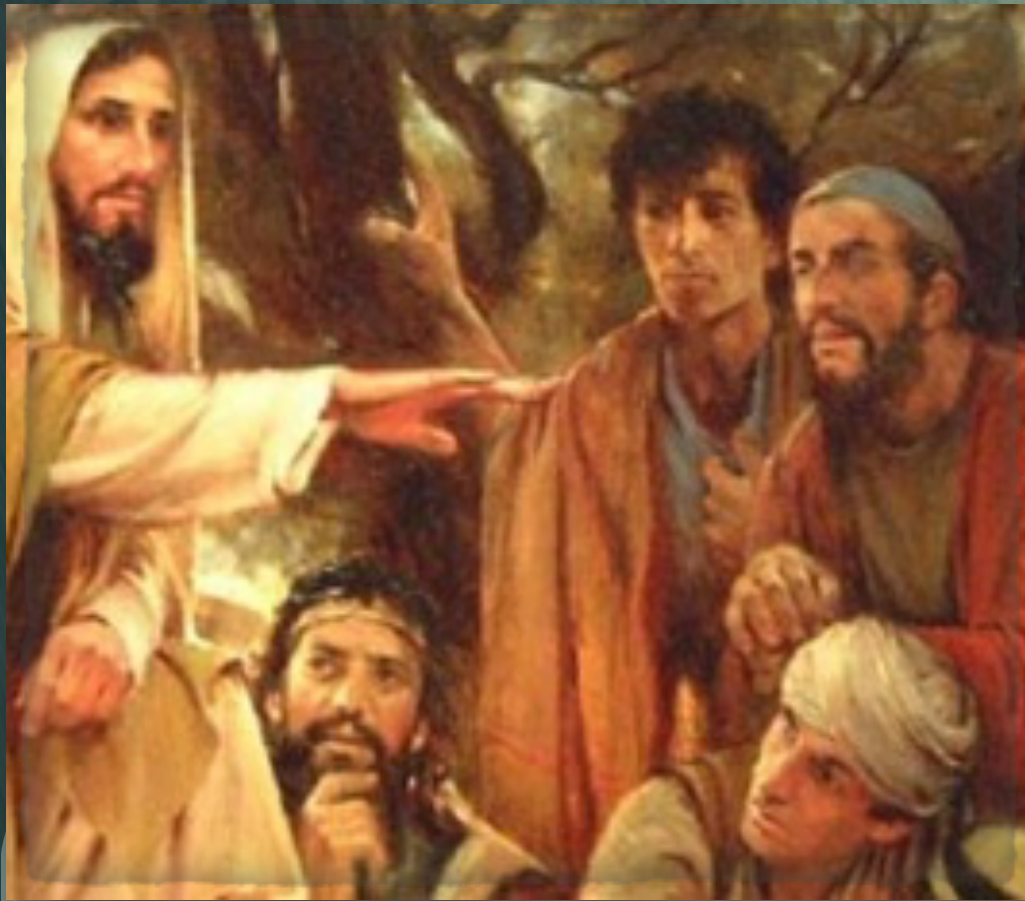
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³² Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. ³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”



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SORROW TURNED TO JOY – 16:16-24



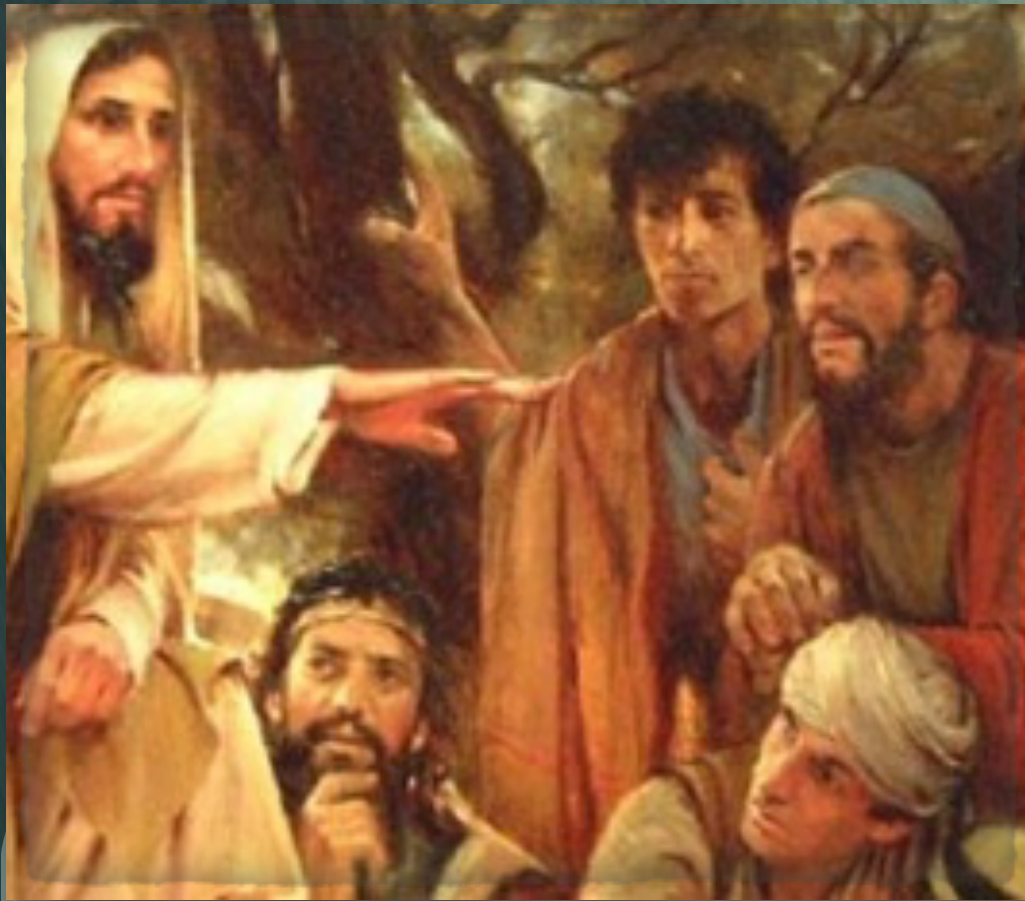
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- ◆ Verse 16 – Two little whiles"
– You will not see Me ... You will see Me ... (the speech which began in 15:1 ends with this announcement)
- ◆ Jesus' words leave the apostles confused – 16:17,18
- ◆ Jesus gives further explanation – 16:19-28

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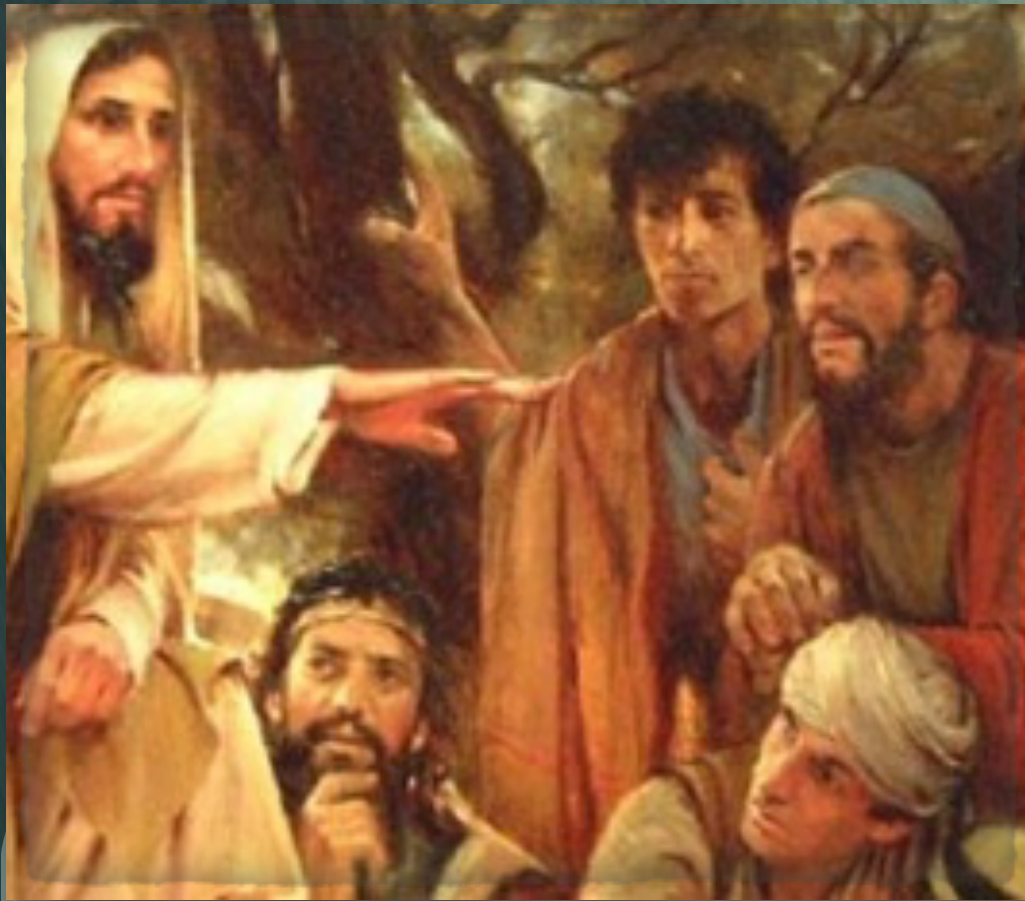
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- ◆ Jesus' statement relates to the rapidly changing events about to transpire –
- ◆ His crucifixion & burial (19:17-42)
- ◆ His resurrection & appearing to them during a 40 day period – (20,21)
- ◆ Jesus would then return to the Father & send the Holy Spirit – (14:26; 15:26; 16:13)

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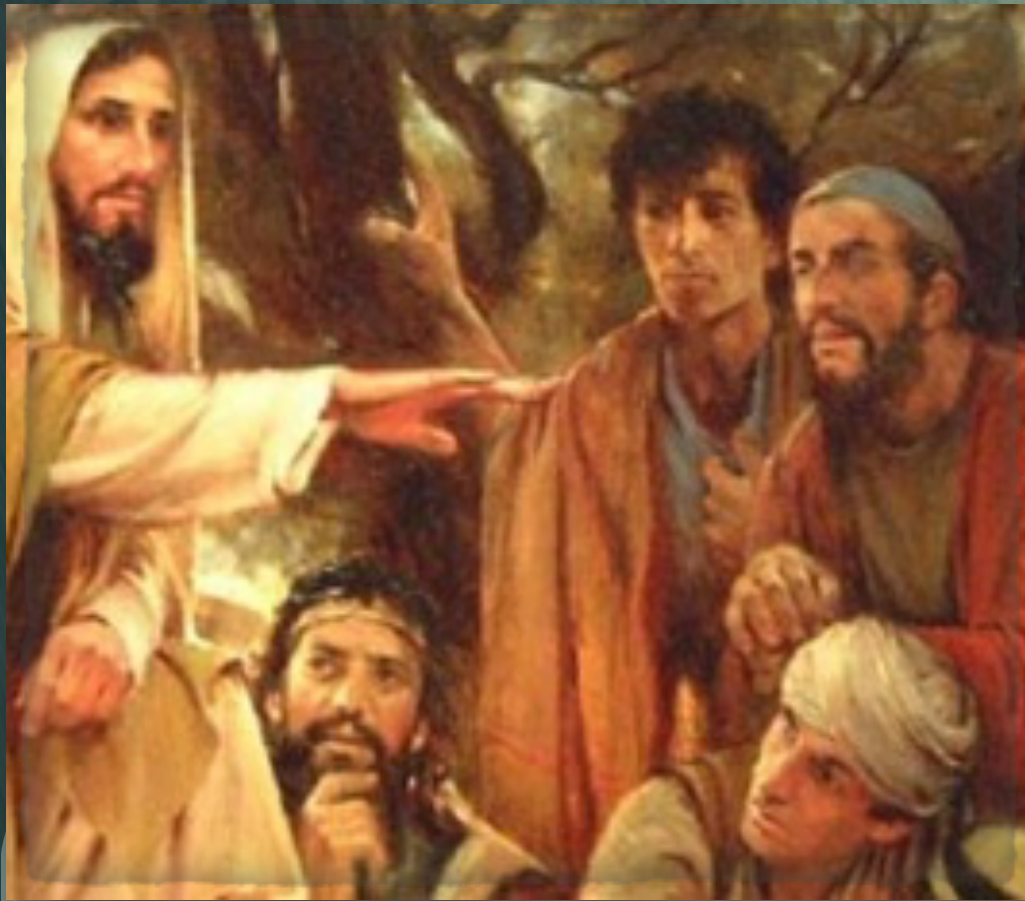
John 16:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

- ◆ I tell you the truth – introduces a solemn prediction that their coming grief would be followed by joy. – 16:20
- ◆ His death would bring the world joy & be bitter agony for them – However, this very event would afterward bring them great joy ...
- ◆ His resurrection & the coming of the Holy Spirit would change everything – (Acts 1,2).

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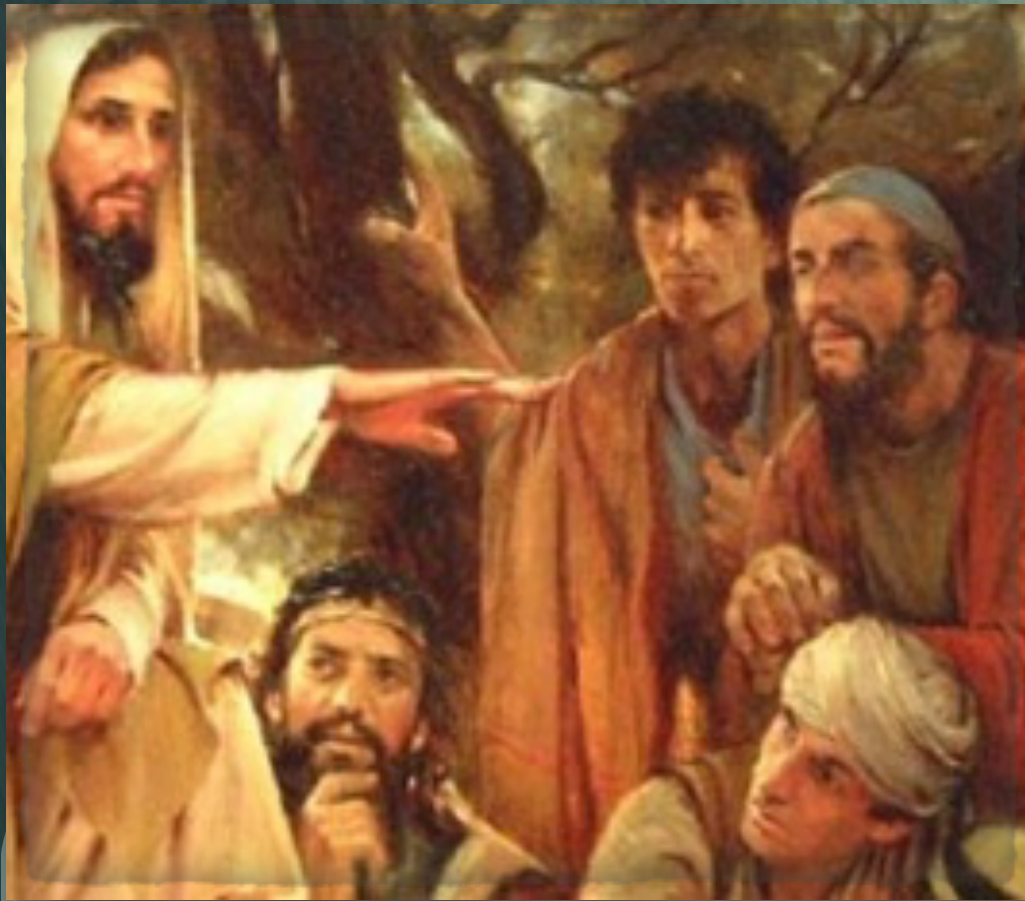
John 16:22 (NKJV)

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- ✦ Jesus illustrates the truth of pain replaced by joy by the pain of childbirth followed by the joy of new life when a child is born.(16:21)
- ✦ The disciples would experience grief, but the light of joy was just ahead. – (16:22; Ro 6:9–10; Luke 24:33–52; Heb. 7:24–25).
- ✦ What they would come to know would protect their joy – Ac. 5:41; 16:25; 20:23, 24.

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- ◆ What can take the joy of one who has great faith? –
- ◆ Who can separate us from the love of Christ? – Rom. 8:35–39.
- ◆ Joy over salvation in the midst of suffering – 1 Thes. 3:7–9; 1 Pe. 1:8; 4:13, 14.
- ◆ Everlasting consolation in hope – for God cannot lie – 2 Thes. 2:16; Heb. 6:18; 10:34.

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◆ No more questions?

- ◆ When the Holy Spirit is given to them, they would no longer need to ask Jesus for clarification & information – (14:25,26; 16:13)
- ◆ The Father would supply their needs in Jesus’ name – (15:7; Eph 2:18; Heb 4:14–16; 1 Jn 5:14–16)

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FAILURE TRANSFORMED INTO VICTORY – 16:25-33



John 16:33 (NKJV)

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- ◆ Veiled utterances (His speaking figuratively) would give way to plain speech. (14:9; cf. 2:22; 6:60; 13:7, 15–17)
- ◆ The disciples would have direct personal access to the Father through Jesus (cf. "in My name" in 14:13–14; 15:16; 16:24).
- ◆ Only children have this privilege of access to the Father (Rom 5:2; 8:12–17; Heb 4:14–16).

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- ◆ Jesus summarized His mission in one sentence – (16:28)
- ◆ His Incarnation (I came from the Father), His humiliation (and entered the world), and His resurrection, Ascension, and exaltation (now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father). (Jn 1:1,2,14; 8:14; 13:1, 3; 14:28; 17:5, 11, 13. Lu. 9:51; 24:51. Ac. 1:9–11).
- ◆ This is what the disciples had come to believe. –(16:29,30)

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- ◆ The words You believe at last! could also be translated "Do you now believe?" (16:31)
- ◆ You will be scattered – fulfillment of Zechariah's words – (16:32; Ze 13:7) – In spite of the disciples' loyalty, faith, and love, they soon failed Him miserably. – (Jn 18:17, 25–26).
- ◆ I am not alone for My Father is with Me (cf. 8:29; Pss. 23:4; 73:25–26),

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- ✦ Jesus' instructions about these things (chaps. 14–16) were intended to sustain them,–
- ✦ In union with Jesus, His disciples have peace, but the world exerts a hostile pressure. The world system, the enemy of God and His people, opposed Jesus' message and ministry (cf. 1:5, 10; 7:7).

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- ◆ But Jesus won the victory – He has overcome the world. – (Matt. 12:25–29), Jesus wanted the disciples to remember this fact and to rejoice in His victory.
- ◆ Be of good cheer means "Be courageous." – [Matt. 9:2, 22; 14:27; Mark 6:50; 10:49; John 16:33; Acts 23:11].)
- ◆ Because He won they, in union with Him, can win also (Rom. 8:37). So can we – 1 Jn 5:5

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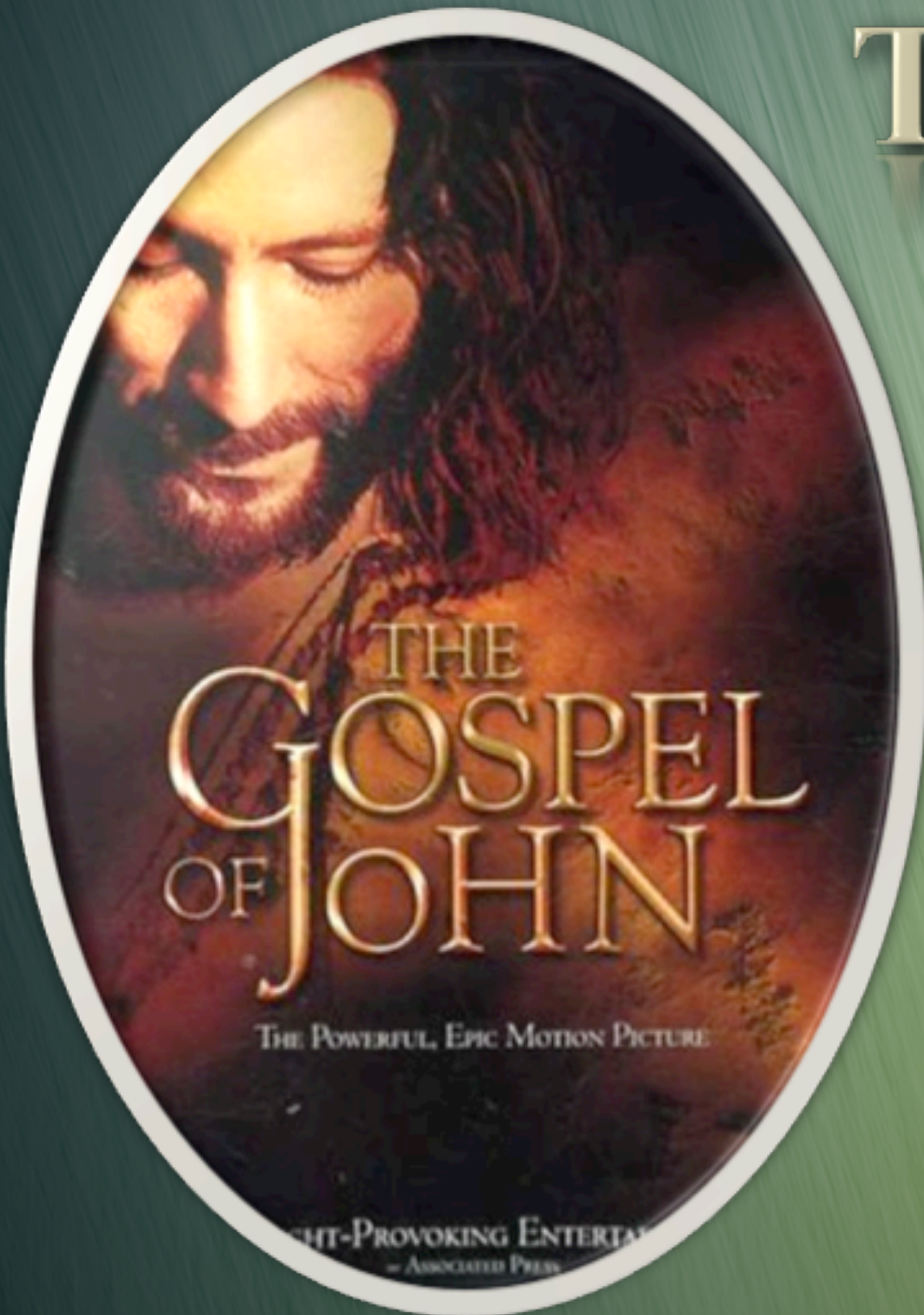


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2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10 (NKJV)

¹ We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.



2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10 (NKJV)

³ We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. ⁴ But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, ⁵ in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;



2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10 (NKJV)

⁶ by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, ⁷ by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, ⁸ by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;



2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10 (NKJV)

⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.



