

**Exchanging Your Sorrow for His Joy**  
Christmas Series 2020 - The Gift Exchange  
John 16:16-24

**Context** - Jesus is preaching to his disciples right before his crucifixion, explaining that he would go away for a while but then return.

**To exchange your sorrow for His joy...**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ closely what Jesus is saying (vs. 16-20)**

- A. Jesus was going to go to the cross and die for sinners. His disciples would be sorrowful at his death, but joy would follow.
- B. When Jesus would die, the world would rejoice (vs. 20) while His disciples would be full of sorrow.
- C. What brings joy to a Christian and what brings joy to people of the world are in complete contrast.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ the appearing of Jesus (vs. 21-22)**

- D. Jesus would go away through his death and burial, but he would appear again after his resurrection.
- E. The joy Jesus brings is a joy that no one can take away (vs. 22).
- F. We are all awaiting the appearance of Jesus again.

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ in communication with God in prayer (vs. 23-24)**

- G. "In that day (that is, after Jesus' resurrection) you will ask nothing of me" probably means that Jesus' disciples will not have to ask him questions about the meaning of his death and resurrection, because they will understand and because the Holy Spirit will be present to guide them "into all the truth" (v. 13). (ESV Study Bible)
- H. Disciples of Jesus pray in Jesus' name, and we experience great joy as we see God actively at work in the world in answer to our prayers.
- I. "Joy may be full." In this case, the believer's joy will be related to answered prayer and a full supply of heavenly blessing for everything consistent with the purpose of the Lord in one's life. (MacArthur Study Bible)