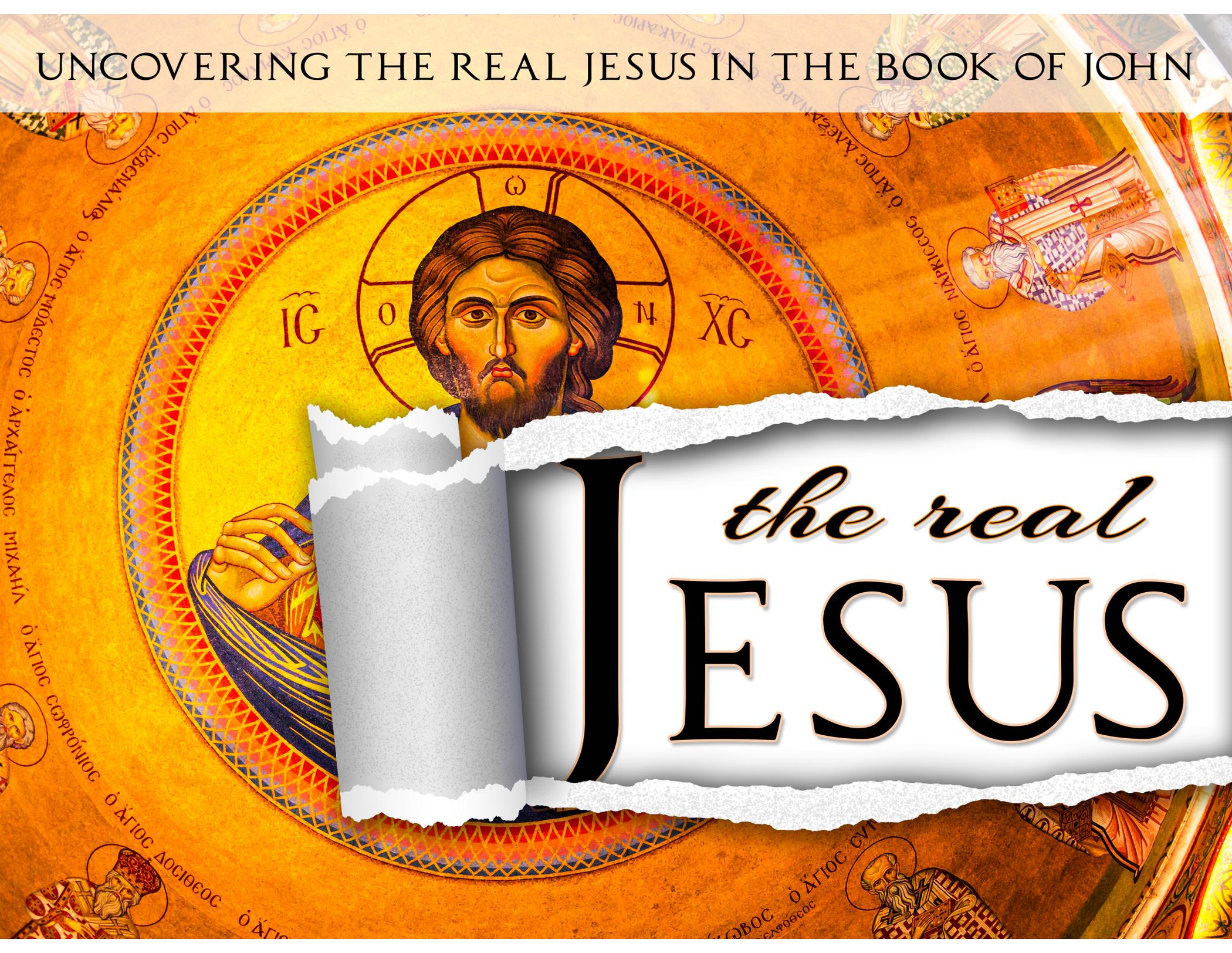


# UNCOVERING THE REAL JESUS IN THE BOOK OF JOHN



*the real*  
**JESUS**

# John 16:16-22

<sup>16</sup> Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." <sup>17</sup> At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? 'Because I am going to the Father'?"

<sup>18</sup> They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?”

<sup>20</sup> Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.

22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

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Matt. 5:11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you <sup>12</sup> **Rejoice** and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven

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Hebrews 12:2 “(Jesus) For the **joy** set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame.”

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James 1:2 “Consider it all **joy**, my brothers, when you encounter various trials.”

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Acts 5:40-41 They called the apostles in and had them flogged.....<sup>41</sup> The apostles left the Sanhedrin, **rejoicing** because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name (of Jesus).

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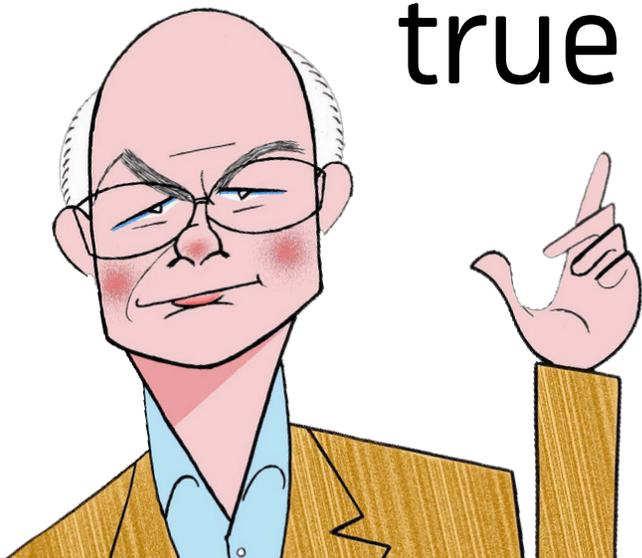
*If your joy is based on circumstances, anything can take it from you. If your joy is based on Christ, nothing can take it from you!*

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# Joy is Inevitable

Notice, Jesus doesn't say, "you MAY have joy". Jesus says, "you WILL have joy". The Good News is that God sent His Son into the world, he died, was buried, rose, ascend to Heaven and sent His Spirit. **To have His Spirit is to have His joy!**

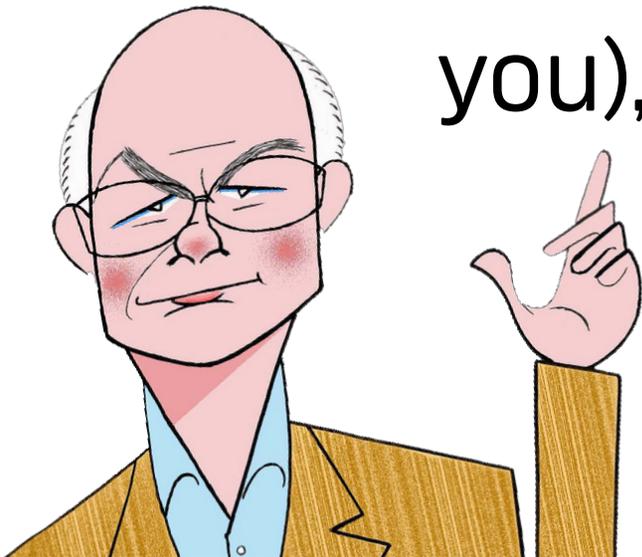
The point is if you have Jesus in your life, you have to have joy! Joy is an **inevitable** mark. I'm not saying it's an **immediate** mark, but the Bible says joy is **inevitably** true of a Christian.



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To believe in him, to receive him, to personally know him - is to have joy. **God is a God of joy.** The very nature of the message is that it brings joy, so if you say, “I believe the gospel,” but there isn’t a growing joy (a happiness people discern in you), have you got the message?



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# Joy In Real Life

*Christians don't deny the reality of evil, pain and suffering. Yet we have a full appreciation for the gift of life and all that comes with it.*

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*The pain and suffering in life can't overshadow or dominate the reality of God's Love for us, His daily purpose for our lives or our secure future.*

# Plugging into Joy's Power

*If you want to play a musical instrument, you don't just sit there and wait for it to happen. You can't be totally passive!*

*Joy is a Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5) that grows when we are connected to God's Spirit in us.*