



Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may
have *life*

When Sorrow Gives Way to Joy

John 16:16-22



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¹⁶ “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.”

¹⁷ 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’?”

¹⁸ So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.”

¹⁹ 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’?”



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²⁰ 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.

²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment







Beware: There is Another Type of Sorrow





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²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.'



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²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to celebrate.





Point 3: Believers Know that Sorrow is Inevitable but
Fleeting while Joy is Complete and Eternal

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