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ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

John 17:13

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These things I have spoken to you,
that my joy may be in you, and that
your joy may be full.

John 15:11

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FIVE REASONS FOR JOY AS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

Reason #1: The nature of God
has been revealed to us.

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.”

John 17:6–8

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For in him all the fullness of God was
pleased to dwell

Colossians 1:19

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He is the radiance of the glory of God
and the exact imprint of his nature,
and he upholds the universe by the
word of his power

Hebrews 1:3a

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Reason #2: God has given us the
truth in his word.

“For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.”

John 17:8

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“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

John 17:17

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John 17:8

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Reason #3: Jesus intercedes for
us.

“I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.”

John 17:9

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Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Romans 8:34

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Reason #4: God continually
preserves and protects us.

“And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.”

John 17:11–12

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“I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”

John 17:15–16

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Reason #5: God sets us apart for
holy service.

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”

John 17:17–18

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“And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

John 17:19

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