

What Made It Worth It: Names Written in Heaven

Jesus gave everything to pour out his whole life before us as a living example, a show of mercy and a sacrifice for sin. His walk was one of sacrifice. One thing is evident about him, though, our Lord thought we were worth it all. What made it worth it to Jesus? Where did he find his joy? What was his purpose?

- I. Jesus equipped his disciples to accomplish their mission. (Luke 10.17-19)
 - A. “Lord, even the _____ are subject to us in your name!” v.17
 - B. “I saw Satan _____ like lightning...” v.18
 1. Jesus has access to power that overcomes sin and death.
 2. “I have _____ you authority...” v.19
- II. The ‘Why’ behind the ‘What’ (Luke 10.20-22)
 - A. Jesus doesn’t let them get caught up in the ‘What’.
 1. “Do not rejoice...” (v.20a) in what you are doing.
 2. “Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.” (v.20b) Remember why.
 - B. Jesus’ joy is rooted in divine purpose
 1. “He rejoiced in the _____.” (v.21a)
 2. “You have... revealed them to children.” (v.21b) Jesus’ joy is in knowing that the humble have received the message of salvation.
 3. “Anyone the Son chooses to _____ to him.” (v.22) Jesus is the bridge between God and man, he connects us back to our Father.
- III. The Disciple’s Place in the Big Picture (Luke 10.23-24)
 - A. “_____ are the eyes that see what you see.” (v.23)
 1. You’re seeing the sick healed, the lame walk, the dead rise.
 2. More importantly, you’re living up-close with God himself, come in the _____. (John 1.14)
 - B. “Many prophets and kings _____ to see what you see.” (v.24)
 1. The whole Old Testament cast of faithful saints were waiting for this.
 2. God’s plan from Genesis, to restore the Paradise we lost.
- IV. Discovering why it’s worth it
 1. He is... desirous of seeing our names written in the book of life. He wants all to reach _____. (2 Peter 2.9)
 2. We are... _____. (John 3.16)
 3. I will pray for a kingdom focus and the joy that comes therein. (Romans 14.17)
 4. You can say to someone this week how there is joy that can only be found in Jesus. A joy that no one can take away. (John 16.22)

So, what’s our ‘why’? Christ’s disciples can find their why in the promise that our names are written in Heaven. We can see the joy that Christ has knowing that in the pages of scripture. Will we share his heart and find our joy in the hope of Heaven? Can we live the way he did and help others know that joy, too?