

It's *all* about
Jesus.

All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16

PALM SUNDAY

A colorful illustration depicting the biblical scene of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Jesus, with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe and a blue sash, is riding a brown donkey. He is surrounded by a crowd of people. In the foreground, a man in a green and red robe is kneeling and holding a palm branch high. To the right, a man in a blue robe is also holding a palm branch. Other people in various colored robes are visible, some holding palm branches. The background shows a cityscape with buildings and a blue sky with white clouds. The words "PALM SUNDAY" are written in large, green, stylized letters across the top of the image.

Now You See Me . . .
John 16:16-23

“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’? 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. 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. 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.”

The very event that made the hateful realm of mankind (“world”) rejoice and cause grief to Jesus’ disciples, will be the same event that will lead to the world’s sorrow and the believer’s joy.

MacArthur Study Bible



I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. (v.28)

40 days after my resurrection I will ascend to the Father in my resurrected body. (Acts 1:3, 9)

“In that day” . . .
The Holy Spirit will come and your sorrow will turn to joy!
(16:23)

And, at the same time, I will come and dwell with all who love me by My Holy Spirit! (John 14:21, 23)

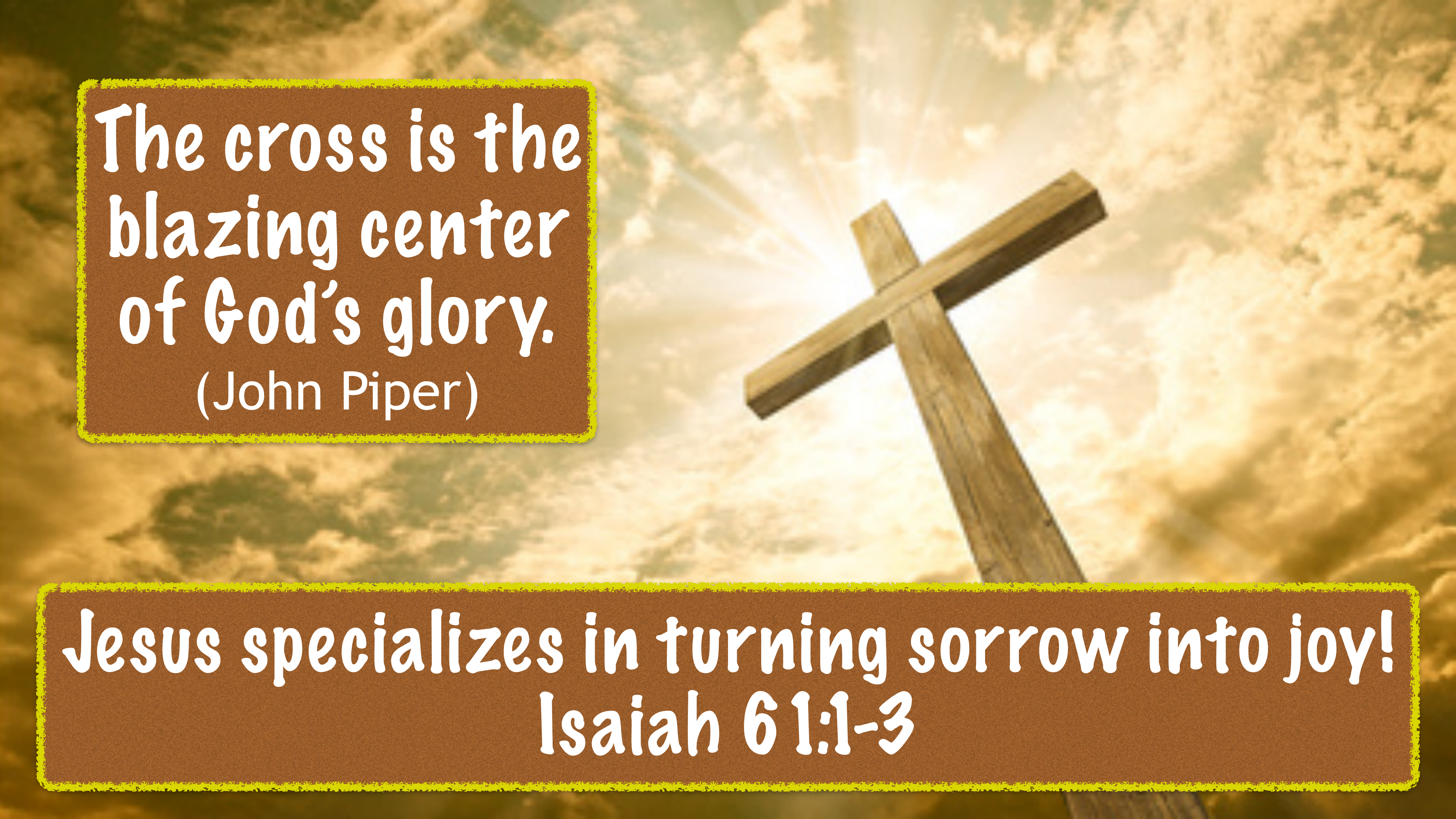
What happened “In a little while?”

The Curse and penalty of sin were removed from “whosoever will” Heb 9:26

Jesus bore the full-force wrath of God for the wickedness of all mankind. Romans 5:9

Death was forever killed! “He will swallow up death forever” and “wipe away tears from all faces” Isaiah 25:8

Our sorrow turned to eternal joy!

A wooden cross is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image. The background is a bright, golden-yellow sky with soft, white clouds. A sunburst effect emanates from behind the cross, creating a halo of light rays. The overall mood is one of hope and divine glory.

The cross is the
blazing center
of God's glory.
(John Piper)

Jesus specializes in turning sorrow into joy!
Isaiah 61:1-3