



**Gospel Of John Series – 100**  
**“FROM SORROW TO SATISFACTION”**  
**John 16:16–24**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Jesus teaches that the sorrow of His departure would soon turn into unshakable joy through His resurrection and the privilege of prayer in His name.*

**I. THE CONFUSION THE DISCIPLES EXPERIENCED - 16–18**

**A. The Mystery of His Words - John 16:17**

**B. The Misunderstanding in Their Hearts - John 16:18**

Proverbs 3:5 – *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”*

***Remember...***

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## **II. THE COMPASSION JESUS EXPRESSED - 19–20**

### **A. The Perception of Their Question**

*Psalm 139:1–2 – “O LORD, you have searched me and known me.”*

### **B. The Prediction of Their Sorrow - John 16:20**

**The crucifixion would produce:**

- **Grief for the disciples**
- **Gloating from the world**

*John 16:20 – “Your sorrow will turn into joy.”*

## **III. THE COMPARISON JESUS EXPLAINED - 21–22**

Jesus used a **powerful illustration of childbirth.**

### **A. The Pain of the Labor - John 16:21**

### **B. The Pleasure of the Life - John 16:21**

### **C. The Permanence of Their Joy - John 16:22**

*1 Peter 1:8 – “Though you have not seen him, you love him... you rejoice with joy that is inexpressible.”*

## **IV. THE CONFIDENCE JESUS ESTABLISHED -23–24**

### **A. The Privilege of Direct Prayer - John 16:23**

*Hebrews 4:16 – “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace.”*

### **B. The Promise of Complete Joy - John 16:24**

The disciples would soon move from  
**confusion → sorrow → joy → confidence.**

The cross looked like defeat—but the resurrection produced  
**permanent joy and powerful prayer.**