

THE GOSPEL

— *according to* —

JOHN

Scripture Reading

JOHN 16

THE MAIN POINT OF JOHN 16

*Those who follow the risen King,
experience a joy that no one can take.*

*Joy will undergird us through every sorrow.
Peace will protect us in every persecution.
The assurance of triumph will be with us
through every tribulation.*

HOW DO CHRISTIANS EXPERIENCE JOY UNDERNEATH ALL OUR SORROW?

1. *We remember that we're not alone.* We have the help of God the Spirit in convincing the world that it needs Jesus (verses 8-11).
2. *We read the Bible.* We have the Spirit-produced truth that perfectly explains who Jesus is and what he's done for us (verses 12-15).
3. *We pray continually.* We have access to the love of God the Father through Jesus the Son (verses 23-28).

When Jesus commands his disciples to “ask in my name,” he urges us to make requests of God through Jesus’s death, in submission to Jesus’s authority, in keeping with Jesus’s mission in the world, and in the warm certainty of Jesus’s love.