

HALLELUJAH

B O R N T O P R A I S E

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Matt 3:1-12

Hallelujah, Joy is Coming

Readings: Isa 55: 9-13 Jn 15:11-17, Jn 16:20-24 and 1 Peter 1:8-9

1. In Isaiah we read that God promised joy . Who was this written for and when was this joy meant to come . Remember that Israel had been imprisoned by the Babylonians for years and had a sad time so what were they looking for ? What does this say about the power of God's word and how should the Israelites and we regard the scriptures in terms of our way of life and what should we exhibit?
2. Read the two passages in John and look for what the word joy means and how we can experience it and show it to the world . Tell stories of how you have seen or read of true joy in Christians even when they were often in real trials.
3. 1 Peter talks about an inexpressible joy so why did the Holy Spirit inspire Peter to write of this type of joy and why is this joy so important for us to experience and what does it lead to ultimately ?