

**Luke 10:17-21**

- ✓ We are familiar with the fact that Jesus was a man of sorrows: **Isaiah 53:3**
  - ✓ There was plenty to be sorrowful about: **John 1:10-11; Mark 14:34.**
  - ✓ **Hebrews 5:7;** We are pretty familiar with what grieved Him, but not at all familiar with what gave Him joy.
  - ✓ We have passages that tell us about His joy concerning the future: **Zephaniah 3:17; Hebrews 12:2.**
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**1. We need to know what it is that brought Him joy in the immediate.**

- ✓ One, because we just need to know Jesus better and, two, because Jesus said this: **John 15:11.**
  - ✓ I don't know about you, but I welcome this insight into Jesus' joy.
  - ✓ Why does He rejoice at this point?
  - ✓ Wasn't because of successful mission of the 70: **Verses 17-20.**
  - ✓ He pointed them to the joy of the future, but what made Him Joyful about the then and there?
  - ✓ **Verse 21;** He's literally overflowing with Joy because basically God's plan was going forward unaltered.
  - ✓ God's plan was to conceal it from the so-called wise and reveal it to the simple folks, and that was what brought Him joy.
  - ✓ What brought Him overflowing Joy was that God's plan to save people was understandable to and receivable by children.
  - ✓ So, despite the way things looked on the surface, things behind the scenes were going exactly as planned, the exact way God had intended.
  - ✓ God put His great salvation, the answer to people's dilemma, down on the bottom shelf where the most-simple could reach it.
  - ✓ By doing so, He guaranteed that those who thought they were smart, elite, and superior and who didn't need God's help, would never comprehend it because it would require them to stoop down and lower themselves to receive it.
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**2. Hidden from the clever and wise.**

- ✓ **1 Corinthians 1:20-21;** In all our wisdom and know-how we missed the greatest reality of universe.
  - ✓ It's not that God withholds the truth from smart people, it's just that the truth isn't accessible by being smart.
  - ✓ **Romans 1:22;** The word "fools" is the word "Moraino" in the Greek from where we get the word "**Moron**".
  - ✓ The biggest moron in the world is the person who thinks that by his own wisdom or by the collective wisdom of humanity he can know the great truths of the universe.
  - ✓ The biggest reality of the entire universe, God, is inaccessible to human intelligence and ingenuity.
  - ✓ God is not empirically discernable.
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## Luke 10: Jesus' Joy, Part 1

- ✓ It's not that thinking clearly and wisely isn't important, we just have to understand its limitation
  - ✓ It's when you think that our minds have unlimited potential and comprehension that we get in trouble.
  - ✓ Intelligence is not a way and doesn't have to be a barrier, but it becomes that if we think that it is somehow relevant to gaining access to God.
  - ✓ God is one you can't see or hear; how can you begin to know what's going on inside of Him unless He reveals Himself? How would intelligence enhance this in anyway?
  - ✓ Educated think that they rise through the levels of academia and find Him in their scientific methods, it'll never work.
  - ✓ The religious think that they jump through their religious hoops of self-denial and strict obedience and find Him, it's not going to happen.
  - ✓ **Matthew 18:3-4**; Become like children, they don't have intelligence, education, achievements, wisdom.
  - ✓ Knowledge of God cannot be acquired it can only be received, God cannot be found, He can only be revealed.
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