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## Jesus Rejoices - 1

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**In the Gospel According to Luke** (AD 60-61), Luke, a Gentile, is writing to Theophilus so that he would know the exact truth and record regarding the things he had been taught about Jesus the Messiah. Luke provided numerous testimonies of Jesus' identity as the Savior and Messiah. Jesus, during His ministry, traveled to many cities sharing scripture, teaching, forgiving sin, physically healing people of demons and disease, and raising the dead. Jesus began to challenge the religious rituals of the day and most importantly preach the Kingdom of God. Jesus is over half way through His 3 year ministry when He sends His select 12 common men to heal and preach. Jesus' impact became known to the common and to the royalty. God has provided a rare glimpse of the kingdom of God through Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain to a select three apostles. Jesus now sets his sights toward Jerusalem, makes it very clear the price followers will pay to follow Him and sends seventy out to heal, preach and warn. After returning and reporting to Jesus, Jesus rejoices.

*“At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, “I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. “All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.” Turning to the disciples, He said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see, for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them.” (Luke 10:21-24 NASB Mt 11:25)*

**Jesus rejoices.** While scripture at times describes Jesus as a man of sorrow and filled with grief, this is the only time scripture records that Jesus rejoiced. Why did Jesus rejoice? The seventy disciples had returned and reported that not only were they able to heal the sick and preach the Kingdom of God, the disciples rejoiced because demons, evil spirits, and Satan's minions were subject to them in Jesus' name. Jesus told the seventy not to rejoice in the healing, casting out and preaching but rather to rejoice because their names were recorded or written in heaven! Jesus rejoicing was eternal and heavenly. Being about the Father's will, by the seventy disciples brought joy to Christ.

**God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.** Luke describes the triune God, where Jesus the Son rejoices in the Holy Spirit, to the Father. Jesus rejoices in the sovereign nature of the Father, the Lord of heaven and earth and in His divine plan. That plan did not favor the wise and intelligent, the prideful and rebellious, but rather the infants, those that depend on Him, have a soft and open heart, and humble themselves, seeking strength, mercy and grace from God.

**“This way”, His way.** Jesus rejoiced in the Father's plan and His will. Jesus praises and affirms that the way for salvation was and is pleasing in the Father's sight. Jesus understands and praises His role with the Father. Jesus was thankful that the Father's revelation was provided to the common humble man and not to those considered full of pride and wise by human standards.

### For Your Consideration:

- Do you praise God in your prayers?
- Do you consider God sovereign over earth and heaven?
- Are your prayers directed to the Father, in the Holy Spirit, through the Jesus the Son?

### BIBLE STUDIES

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