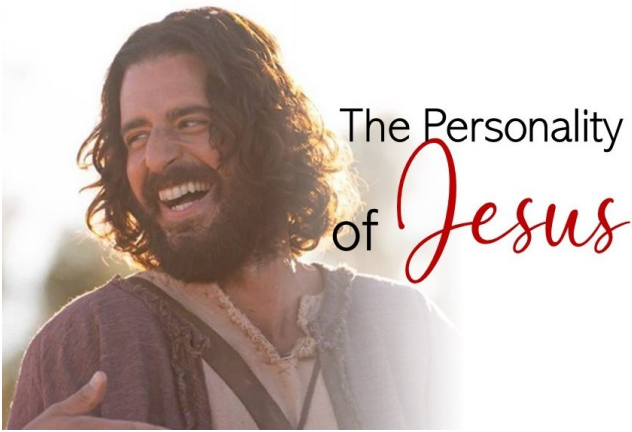


The Personality of Jesus



Dr. Jeff King
Christ Lutheran Church
Southwick, Massachusetts

The Personality of Jesus

Part 2: Joy

Jesus said, "I enjoy eating and drinking, and you call me a glutton and a drunkard – and you say I hang around with the worst sort of sinners!" (Matthew 11:19)

Turning Water into Wine: 908 bottles of wine! (John 2:1-10)

How to Stay Joyful in Life: The Difference Between Happiness and Joy

1. Happiness is _____ . Joy is _____ .

"A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing." (Proverbs 17:22)

Everything doesn't have to be perfect on the outside to have joy on the inside. Learn to enjoy life and see the humor in it. Take time to laugh.

2. Happiness is _____ . Joy is _____ .

Three simple facts ...

- God is in control ... “And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28)
- Where I am right now is exactly where God wants me to be ... “It is the Lord who directs our steps.” (Proverbs 20:24)
- God is with me ... “He will never leave you. He will never forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)

3. Happiness is _____ . Joy is _____ .

“Because I live, you will live also!” (John 14:19)

Christ won a staggering victory on Easter Sunday – and He promises to share that victory with us!

It’s like we’re in a “fixed fight.” You can have joy deep inside, in spite of your circumstances, knowing that God has already written the final chapter.