Resurrection Joy!

Hebrews 12:2 (1984 NIV)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1. <u>Jesus' Joy in Paying Off an Infinite Debt</u>

- a. How generous is God? (How much time do you have?)
- b. How joyful is God in giving?
- c. How satisfying is it to pay off a huge debt?

2. <u>Jesus' Joy in Reuniting with His Father</u>

- a. How excited was Jesus to be reunited with his Father?
- b. Before Jesus' troubled prayer was his yearning prayer.
- c. His complete joy is in uniting all believers with God.

3. Our Joy in Knowing Jesus

- a. Eternal life is knowing Jesus Christ.
- b. Through the cross and resurrection, his joy is ours.
- c. So let us run the race with perseverance.

Hebrews 12:1 (1984 NIV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.