Re Joy of Matthew 25:21

He is So Joyful

- More so than all other men (Heb. 1:9; Psa. 21:6).
- He depicts himself in joyful imagery (Matt. 18:13; Lk. 15:5-7, 9-10).
- Not just in response, but also in character (Mk. 2:18-20; Lk. 7:34).
- His joy is rooted in His relationship to the Father (Lk. 10:21-22; Psa. 16:8-11).

Man of Sorrows

- For all of this, He is the "man of sorrows" (Isa. 53:3).
- Whatever it means to be the most joyful man who ever lived, it does not mean you are free from sorrow (Jn. 11:33-38; Matt. 26:38; Isa. 50:6).
- He could have satisfaction even as He walked toward the cross (Isa. 53:11; Heb. 12:2).

The Joy He Gives

- Jesus wants to share His joy with us (Jn. 15:11; 17:13).
- He delivers this joy through the words He speaks.
- Our joy is founded too is founded on relationship with God (Jn. 17:1-12; Lk. 10:17-20).
- His joy is our strength (Neh. 8:10; Matt. 25:21, 23).