

“Rejoice!

There’s a highway up ahead with no idiot drivers.”

Matthew 11.1-6, Isaiah 35.1-10

A. John the Baptist finds himself in prison and questioning his life

B. Jesus responds with encouragement

C. Why we can live a life of JOY ...

Some promises to remember (notes to John the Baptist from Isaiah 35)

1. Your difficult situation is not **THE END OF THE STORY**. This is not

ALL THERE IS. V 1-2, 5-7

2. We will ultimately be **SAVED**. V 4

3. God will deal with **EVIL**. V 4

4. The next life will be filled with **ABUNDANCE**, and **WONDERFUL, NEW** experiences (like driving on wide highways without idiot drivers around). V 1-2, 6-8

D. So what do we do in the meantime?

1. Be **FAITHFUL- HANG IN THERE**. Matt 11.6

2. Remember and take to heart **SCRIPTURE**.

3. **ENCOURAGE** one another. Isaiah 35.3-4

4. Look for the **GOOD NEWS** of the kingdom. Isaiah 35.5-6

5. Find people to **DO LIFE WITH**. Isaiah 35.8-10



What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?