

# Songs about Jesus

Psalm 16

## You have made known to me the path of life

Goals Think through and share what our greatest joys of heaven will be  
Draw joy



## Exuberant joy

Describe for your tablemates in 30 seconds one of your most exuberantly joyful experiences.

## Read Psalm

As we read through this psalm, write below what you see as key points.

## Notable

Stanza 1

Miktam

What does this tell you about the circumstances of this song?

Stanza 2

LORD - Lord

saints vs. those who run after other gods

libations of blood

take up names cf. call on the name of the Lord

Stanza 3

portion - cup - lot - boundary lines

delightful inheritance



#### Stanza 4

LORD counsels me  
heart instructs me  
set LORD before me  
I am not shaken

#### Stanza 5

heart glad - tongue rejoices - body rest secure  
not abandon me to Sheol / Holy One not see decay  
Made known to me the path of life  
Fill me with joy in your presence / eternal pleasures at your right hand

### Key ideas

To help us understand the major themes of this psalm, write one phrase or sentence that captures the main idea of each stanza.

Stanza 1

Stanza 2

Stanza 3

Stanza 4

Stanza 5

### Who is talking - David or Jesus?

Work through this at your table:

Options:      only David                  David and then Jesus                  only Jesus

Acts 2:25-33

Psa 16 itself

Conclusion?

### What is God telling us about Jesus

During Jesus' death, God rejected him, Jesus suffered horrible pain, there was no joy on his face, and he experienced the ultimate defeat called death. How does what we see in the Gospels account of Good Friday compare with the description of Psalm 16? How do we account for the differences?



## Heaven

Of the following blessings of heaven, which 3 give you the most comfort?

Do what we enjoy

No more sin!

No more pain

Have young, healthy bodies again

Lots of fun

See family and friends again without ever having to say goodbye.

Run like the wind and not grow tired

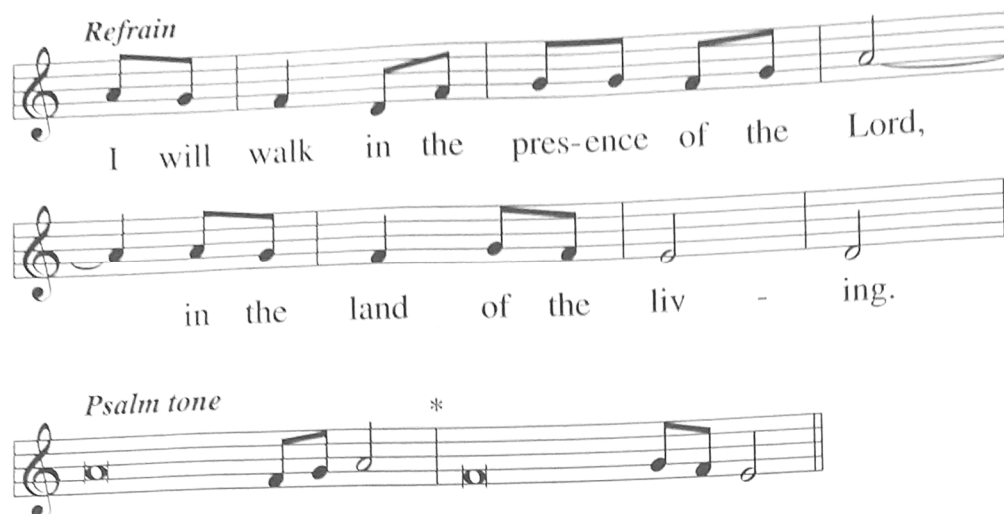
The last verse of Psalm 16 speaks to the deepest joy of heaven - we will live in the presence of the Lord. As a group we will explore this concept. Feel free to add your thoughts on why this is such a good thing, even greater than any joy/blessing mentions above.

## Draw joy

Draw the joy we will have in the presence of our Savior!



# Psalm 16



Keep me safe, O God,\*  
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;\*  
apart from you I have no good thing."

I have set the LORD always before me.\*  
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

## *Refrain*

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;\*  
my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,\*  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;\*  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## *Refrain*