

WHY DID JESUS WEEP

Because "Jesus wept", we can be assured that He understands our pains and heartaches.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ The obvious answer to the question, "Why did Jesus weep?" (see John 11:35) seems simple: Jesus is standing at the tomb of someone He loved very much (John 11:3, 5) and for some people the default reaction is to weep.
- ❖ But the deeper question is *why does it need to be pointed out to us that Jesus wept?*
- ❖ The Bible specifically tells us in John 11:35 that Jesus wept so we will understand that Jesus can relate to us in our grief. Jesus, God robed in flesh, experienced all the human emotions that we feel and this scripture tells us Jesus has shared in one of the most devastating experiences we as humans can have.
- ❖ *Jesus wept* are two very powerful words that show us Jesus' humanity. It's easy to focus on the miracles that He performed. But Jesus suffered pain just as we do.
- ❖ He knows what you are going through in your darkest moments. Hebrews 2:18 tells us: "For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted."
- ❖ Hebrews 4:15a says, "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses..." In this verse, the Greek word for weakness means "without vigor, or living in a state of weakness, ...without adequate strength." That's what grief does to us – weakens us; saps our strength.
- ❖ But the very next verse tells us what to do when we are grieving or weak: "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Not only does Jesus know what you are going through, but He CARES as well, and we can approach His throne of grace and receive mercy and grace to help us.
- ❖ 1 Peter 5:7 reminds us of the fact that we can cast all our care upon Him because **He cares for us**. When it seems like no one else cares, Jesus cares. When it seems like you are all alone, Jesus is there. When it seems like no one understands what you are going through, Jesus does. Wherever you are at right now, Jesus has been there. You don't have to go through life alone because *Jesus cares*.
- ❖ Jesus is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Are you in the valley? Jesus has been there. Mountaintop? Jesus has been there. Grieving? Jesus has been there.
- ❖ No matter what situation you find yourself in, or what state of mind you are in, Jesus has been there and He understands.

KEY SCRIPTURE: John 11:1-36 (*v. 35)

- ❖ But more than simply understanding, Jesus wants to help you. He wants to develop a relationship with you; to call you "Friend".
- ❖ And He is the only one who can actually change your heart and your life. He can bring peace and joy into your life, carry you through bad times, comfort you when you are sad, lift you up when you are down, and give you strength when you are weak.
- ❖ Jesus was laughed at, ridiculed, rejected, beaten, and finally, hung on a cross. That was all external stuff, things that were done to Him. But grief is internal. Grief is something that is so personal, so tragic, that words can't describe it. And by telling us that Jesus wept, we are being told that Jesus can relate to us. He understands us.
- ❖ Another possible reason we are told that Jesus wept is because, as God looking at His creation, He was saddened. The creature God formed lovingly with His own hands had fallen far away from His original purpose and goal for them. The creature that God breathed life into, that was made in the image and likeness of God, was now lying dead in a tomb.
- ❖ The creation that was supposed to subdue the earth and have dominion over it was now subdued by death. This was not what God intended for mankind. And it grieved Him to see what had become of His creation.
- ❖ What is causing you grief today? What is hurting your heart? Are you feeling ridiculed, depressed, alone? Are you looking good on the outside but inside your heart is in shreds?
- ❖ Open yourself to Him and let Him help you. Jesus knows, Jesus cares AND Jesus can help. He can relate to your situation. We know this because we are told that JESUS WEPT.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. What scripture(s) most assure(s) you that God sees, understands and cares about your grief and problems?
2. Do you look for opportunities to use the Word of God to encourage others who are down? Explain your reasons why or why not.

PRAYER TIME

Lord, thank You for understanding my down-cast spirit and for being the "lifter of my head."

WEEK OF SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) ☁️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

Start-up: When are you most likely to cry – in happiness/sadness/when someone else is crying/not at all?

PRAYER FOCUS: Foreign missionaries: anointing to preach the gospel, anointing to lead and empower national workers, family unity, personal protection.

Prayer Meetings: Monday and Wednesday @10:00 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



FATHER'S DAY VIDEO

Record a video to let the father in your life know how much you appreciate him. We will be having video recording sessions on May 15th, 29th and June 5th after service in the prayer room.

Contact: Rev. Chris Simpson

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a meeting right after the morning service for an update on the things we said we would do this year at our last meeting.

When: Sunday, May 22nd

Contact: Pastor A. Peel

ALL-NIGHT PRAYER

Please join us for all-night prayer!

When: Friday, May 27th

Where: Main Sanctuary

Time: 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

Contact: Pastor A. Peel

PRISON MINISTRY

If you are interested in joining prison ministry, now is the time! The Evangelism department is looking for volunteers to help us in this area of ministry. Please send an email to jm@faithsanctuary.com for more information.

FAITH SANCTUARY ON-LINE SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study @ 10:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

(Rebroadcast @ 3:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.)

Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NKJV

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