

# The Tears Of Jesus

(John 11:35)

- Introduction:
1. Probably one of the first verses children memorize is John 11:35 - Jesus wept.
  2. While that passage is simplistic to memorize, it is very profound in the truth that it conveys.
  3. Someone has said that the measure of one's character can be determined by what makes him laugh, what makes him cry, and what makes him angry.
  4. Let's examine the tears of Jesus and the circumstances surrounding those tears.

## I. (John 11:35)

- A. This account records the death of Lazarus, a friend of Jesus.
- B. The Greek word employed here is (dakruo) which means to "shed tears."
- C. Jesus was hurt by the pain he saw in others.
- D. Jesus was not crying over the death of Lazarus (11:4,11,15).
- E. Mary and Martha both knew that Jesus could have helped them.

## II. (Luke 19:41)

- A. Would you like to know the future?
- B. Jesus did, and it was a burden for him (Isaiah 53:3).
- C. In the midst of his triumphal entry he was saddened to the point of crying.
- D. The Greek word employed here is (klaio) which carries the idea of loud wailing.
- E. He saw the impending suffering of men, women, and children.

## III. (Hebrews 5:7)

- A. In all likelihood, Gethsamene is in mind.
- B. In this passage, yet another Greek term is used to describe the tears of Jesus (ischuros krauge) which means strong or mighty outcries of desire.
- B. But in this instance, he was weeping over sin and the toll it had taken on humanity.
- C. Think of the thoughts that must have run through the mind of Jesus.
- D. Think of what sin has done to this world.

- Conclusion:
1. I think much about our character is revealed when we consider the things over which we shed tears.
  2. In the case of Jesus, his tears were shed for others.
  3. May God help us to develop hearts that are more tender than they already are, and help us to sympathize with the plight of others.