

What Made Jesus Weep?

(John 11:35)

- Introduction:
1. As I have grown older, I've also grown more emotional. I don't know if that is a weakening of my constitution, or if it is a strengthening of my compassion. Maybe a bit of both.
 2. As you may know, the shortest verse in the English Bible is John 11:35 – "Jesus Wept."
 3. Apart from John 11:35, there are two other instances in Scripture where it is recorded that Jesus cried.
 4. Let's examine these passages and learn more about Jesus, and hopefully challenge yourself to be more like him.

I. The Death of Lazarus

- A. (John 11:35).
- B. Jesus was not weeping for the same reason you have wept at the grave of a loved one.
- C. (John 11:11).
- D. Jesus was weeping, not for Lazarus, but for those who were weeping.
- E. (Romans 12:15; 1 Corinthians 15:26; Hebrews 4:15).

II. The Fall of Jerusalem

- A. (Luke 19:41).
- B. Jesus wept because they rejected an opportunity to be saved, and he knew what they would face.
- C. (Hebrews 13:9) Jesus will probably weep as we close out this worship service today for the same reason.
- D. The death of the unrighteous is nothing over which we should rejoice (Ezekiel 33:11).

III. His Impending Death

- A. (Hebrews 5:7).
- B. Don't forget that Jesus was fully human.
- C. If I told you that you would be brutally murdered tomorrow, would you have reason for tears?
 1. Loss of family and friends.
 2. Pain and fear.
 3. All the sins of humanity that put him in this position.
- D. Personal pain, sorrow, and loss did not turn Jesus from obedience to his Heavenly Father.

- Conclusion:
1. May God break our hearts and reshape them to be conformed to the heart of Jesus.