Jesus Wept

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INTRODUCTION

- We recognize with the audiences that gathered around our Lord that he was a master teacher.
- I would argue that his miracles were a form of teaching. That we learn something about Jesus and about God from the miracles that he performed.
- There's a third means of teaching that we read in the scriptures, and those rare glimpses into Jesus' everyday life, his everyday interactions with people.

1 The Fact That Jesus Could Weep

Hebrews 4:15; Zephaniah 3:17; Ephesians 4:30

- One of the greatest lessons I want us to learn from the fact that Jesus wept is that Jesus is our sympathetic Lord.
- For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.
- The Lord your God is in your midst. The mighty one will save. He will rejoice over you with gladness.
- Emotion is not just a human attribute, it's a divine attribute, and maybe it's a human attribute because we've been made in his image.
- And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

2 Sympathetic Tears at the Grave of Lazarus

John 11:35; Hebrews 2:9–10

- At the grave of Lazarus, seeing the sorrow of his family and friends, it simply records Jesus wept.
- I think we see specifically in this occasion that we see the sympathetic tears of Jesus.
- Jesus wept at the sorrow of the friends of Lazarus, and surely by his good friends Mary and Martha.
- To make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
- Now, having partaken of flesh and blood, he is perfectly qualified to be our high priest and perfectly qualified to sympathize with us in our weaknesses.
- Does he care when the nearest and best to me has left this world? Yes, he cares. Because Jesus wept.

3 Jesus Weeps Over the City of Jerusalem

Luke 19:41–44

- In Luke chapter 19, Jesus weeps over the city of Jerusalem.
- He saw the city and wept over it, saying, If you had known even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace, but now they're hidden from your eyes.
- One thing that we see that all three occasions of the New Testament recording that Jesus wept have in common is sin.

- It teaches us how God feels when he has to judge people.
- It ought to erase forever from our mind this idea of a vindictive, hateful God who's just waiting for us to trip up and stumble and fall.
- And he weeps at the judgment that's coming upon them.

4 Vehement Cries and Tears Over That Cup

Hebrews 5:7–9

- Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with vehement cries and tears to him who was able to save him from death, and was heard because of his godly fear.
- When we understand what all was in that cup, we'll understand why Jesus wept on this occasion.
- That cup would involve the human suffering. Jesus would be scourged.
- Never before has deity had to experience death. But he will now.
- Jesus carried the entire plan of salvation on his shoulders.
- And he also had to drink the cup of experiencing the wrath of God against sin.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you need to render obedience to that gospel? Jesus weeps still over the sin that's in this world and the destruction that will come upon the individuals who refuse to turn their lives over to him.**

MY NOTES