

Jesus Wept

John 11:17-40





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17 ¶ So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off; 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. 20 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house. 21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 "Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." 23 Jesus \*said to her, "Your brother will rise again."



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24 Martha \*said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. **Do you believe this?**" 27 She \*said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world." 28 When she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she \*got up quickly and was coming to Him.



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30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him. 31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her, when they saw that Mary got up quickly and went out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, **He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled,**



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34 and said, "Where have you laid him?" They \*said to Him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews were saying, "See how He loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man also from dying?" 38 So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, \*came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus \*said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, \*said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus \*said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

# Weeping

Genesis 23:2 Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan; and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

Genesis 43:30 Joseph hurried out for he was deeply stirred over his brother, and he sought a place to weep; and he entered his chamber and wept there.

Psalms 30:5 For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime; Weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy comes in the morning.

# Weeping

David wept for Saul, Jonathan and Absalom

Isaiah and Jeremiah cried for the sins of the people...

Jesus was moved by others weeping (widow Luke 7:13,  
Family Luke 8:52)

- Cultural, emotional... SPIRITUAL!
- Jesus wept over a city – Luke 19:41
- He wept here for Lazarus...
- He wept in Prayer and Ministry Hebrews 5:7

# I. The Reality of Death

- Death comes to all... even a friend of JESUS! (11)
  - Lazarus had been in the tomb 4 days (17)
  - Jews believed the spirit left after 3...
  - No doubt he was DEAD!
- Martha and Mary's dilemma... (21, 32)
  - If YOU had been here, he would not have died!
  - We want to avoid the hard things of life...
  - Jesus wants to draw us through them to HIM!
  - The sisters did the right thing... go TO Jesus!

## II. The Reality Love

- Jesus knows the burdens we struggle with:
  - He knew Lazarus had died (11,14)
  - He knew the pain of losing someone (33-35)
  - He knew the deep emotions of grief (36)
- But, Jesus knew one thing more...
  - WHO HE WAS!!! (25-26)
  - THE *anastasis* – rise again to life
  - THE *zōe* – life, vitality

# III. The Reality Life

- Believes – *pisteuo* – present active
  - This is more than doctrine, theology, or action
  - Martha – I have believed – perfect active (27)
  - She had done it and continued to do so...
  - ...even when Lazarus was still dead!
- It was not the prayer that set Lazarus free...
  - IT WAS JESUS, SENT ONE, FOR OUR SAKE!
  - The GLORY of God (40)

“ 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. **Do you believe this?**”

