

John #59

11:27-37

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## “Jesus Wept”

**Intro:** As we open to our text this Lord’s Day we come to a passage of Scripture that vividly demonstrates the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ. And let us be sure to remember that Jesus came to explain the Father to us (cf. 1:18). What we find in God the Son is an explanation of the \_\_\_\_\_ the Father.

I. Having made her glorious \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Martha went away to their house where Mary was sitting. ... Martha secretly said to Mary, “The \_\_\_\_\_ is here, and is \_\_\_\_\_ for you.”

A. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ quickly \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ who had journeyed from Jerusalem thought they would follow Mary to the tomb to console her there, but as it was they were to go to the tomb to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Christ Jesus!

B. When Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and \_\_\_\_\_!

1. We must learn to do as Mary did. Even in the hour of \_\_\_\_\_ we must fall at the feet of Jesus in humble worship and loving adoration! Oh family, let heart ache and trial, let suffering and pain, be that which compels you to \_\_\_\_\_!

II. When \_\_\_\_\_ saw Mary and the Jews weeping, and upon perceiving the intensity with which they were stricken with grief, He was \_\_\_\_\_ in spirit, and was troubled.

A. As \_\_\_\_\_ (witnessed) the deep \_\_\_\_\_ of Mary and those with her, He was deeply moved in spirit. That is, when He saw how grieved they were over Lazarus’ death, \_\_\_\_\_ deeply \_\_\_\_\_ in His inner man, having sympathy and compassion upon them.

B. The phrase, “and was troubled” is meant to emphasize the intensity with which Jesus was moved. Literally translated the phrase is, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

1. Perceiving the sorrows and grief of the people, and being the Savior of compassion He is, Jesus caused Himself to be troubled by choosing to trouble Himself with that which troubled them. He troubled Himself with the \_\_\_\_\_ plight and \_\_\_\_\_. He troubled Himself with the sorrows of the people. \_\_\_\_\_ Himself \_\_\_\_\_ to bear our infirmities!

a. See here the love of our Lord! No wonder He said, Matt 11:28-29, “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_. 29 “Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for \_\_\_\_\_ and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.”

b. Our Lord is the Lord of compassion! And \_\_\_\_\_ the same yesterday, today, and forever! Beloved, He knows your plight and He is your \_\_\_\_\_ High Priest. Doubt it not, He is moved with compassion for you and chooses to trouble Himself over your grief! 1 Peter 5:6-7, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because \_\_\_\_\_."

C. Being "deeply moved in spirit" and choosing to trouble Himself over the people's grief, \_\_\_\_\_ by asking them to take Him to Lazarus' tomb.

D. "\_\_\_\_\_."

1. In this verse the Greek word translated "\_\_\_\_\_" is found no where else in Scripture. It is \_\_\_\_\_ from the word translated "weeping" in reference to Mary and the Jews. Instead of the wailing or loud lamenting as the weeping of the others describes, this word refers to "weeping silently" or to "\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_."

2. In understanding that Jesus' tears were \_\_\_\_\_ tears of \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow as was Mary's and the others, we understand then that His tears were the outflow of His choosing to be troubled for them. Being moved with compassion for the hurting people Jesus shed \_\_\_\_\_ and sympathy for them.

a. \_\_\_\_\_ sees our suffering and \_\_\_\_\_ to show us \_\_\_\_\_ – blessed Lord that He is! Our Lord is not indifferent to our suffering! Our Lord is not unsympathetic to our condition! But, He is the Savior who in great compassion chose to lay down His life for us, even while we were at enmity with Him! I say it again, "\_\_\_\_\_ Lord that \_\_\_\_\_!"

III. The Jews \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord's compassion in two ways which exemplify all the responses ever made: some \_\_\_\_\_ Him and others \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

**Closing thoughts:** As the true ministry of Word of God always brings us to a cross roads and since all these things were written for our learning, each of us must \_\_\_\_\_ how we will respond to \_\_\_\_\_.

How will you respond to the fact that \_\_\_\_\_, in loving compassion, \_\_\_\_\_ for the people? Will you greet Him as did Mary, falling at His feet in worship? Or will you meet Him as did the many others, with the unbelieving sneer of criticism. Will you appreciate Him and believe in Him, or despise Him and reject Him? The choice now is placed before you: How will you \_\_\_\_\_?