

A Troubled Heart

Text: Luke 19:41-44 ⁴¹ And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, ⁴² Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this *thy day*, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now *they are hid from thine eyes*. ⁴³ For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, ⁴⁴ And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Isaiah 53:3-4 He is despised and rejected of men; **a man of sorrows**, and *acquainted with grief*: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (NIV- WE HELD HIM IN LOW ESTEEM...BARNES-WE SET NO VALUE IN HIM...MARTIN LUTHER-WE DID NOT THINK HIM DEAR OR WORTHY, OR RATHER ESTIMATED HIM AT NOTHING)

Introduction: Jesus Wept--Bible Records 2 Actual Times where Jesus wept-

- (1) Our Text-Looking Over the City of Jerusalem
- (2) John 11:35—Jesus Wept---(9 letters) Shortest Scripture in Bible – Lazarus Gravesite

I. **God Wept with Jeremiah the Weeping Prophet**

Jeremiah 13:16-17 ¹⁶ Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. ¹⁷ But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive.

Jeremiah 9:1-3 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! ² Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. ³ And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.

II. **Jesus Wept** The Bible Shows A THIRD SCENE OF Jesus Weeping, revealing the TRUE heart of our SAVIOR—A LIFELONG SEASON OF PRIVATE AND INTIMATE WEEPING BEFORE GOD--

Hebrews 5:6-9 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.⁷ Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; ⁸ Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

III. **Why Did Christ Weep??**

- a. THE LAW OF FREE WILL--- IT TIES THE HAND OF CHRIST FROM CHANGING FUTURE OUTCOMES!
- b. The Tragedy of Fallen Man's Future---Future Destruction
- c. The Rejection of Fallen Man to the CREATOR'S OFFER of LOVE and RESCUE---
HOW OFT WOULD I HAVE GATHERED YOU AS A HEN GATHERS HER CHICKS BUT YOU WOULD NOT.
- d. Blindness of Fallen Man to their TIME of Visitation—OPPORTUNITY LOST
- e. Compassion---REVEALS the SAVIOR'S BROKEN HEART—Prodigal Son

IV. How Should the knowledge of OUR SAVIOR'S Weeping Affect us Today?

1. We should seek to WALK IN HIS TENDERNESS and COMPASSION Today!

2. We should Understand the World and the Church are on *Different Paths w/ Far Different Futures!*
3. We must Show the WORLD the TRUE GREATNESS and IMPORTANCE of knowing Christ!
Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and *acquainted with grief*: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not
4. We should Understand that the WORLD is not OUR FRIEND--- LOOK AT HOW THEY TREATED OUR MASTER!!! EXPECT LITTLE FROM THE WORLD BUT MUCH FROM CHRIST
5. WEEPING FOR OTHERS BUT NOT FOR OURSELVES—
Psalms 30:5 ...weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
Luke 23:27-28 ²⁷ And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. ²⁸ But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.