

# **“When Jesus Wept”**

## **John 11:32-44**

### Introduction

- I. Tears are something that help a human being at different times in life.
- II. The fact that Jesus cried on occasions helps us to see that no person is wrong for having feelings and emotions.
- III. Let us examine more closely when Jesus wept.

### Discussion

- I. At the grave of Lazarus (John 11:35).
  - A. There is question as to why Jesus wept on this occasion.
    1. Some thought it was out of his love for Lazarus (John 11:36).
    2. Other have espoused that it was because he was going to bring Lazarus out of Paradise.
    3. A third option is that he was compassionate to Martha and Mary for the loss of their brother.
  - B. Jesus showed sympathy.
    1. This proved Gnosticism to be false (2 John 7).
    2. Jesus will also have sympathy for us (Heb. 4:16-17).
    3. Jesus cares for every person (Matt. 11:28-30).
- II. Over His suffering and death (Heb. 5:5-9).
  - A. If anyone ever had a reason to cry over His own anguish, it is Jesus (Matt. 26:36-45).
  - B. Luke gives a more detailed account (Luke 22:41-46).
  - C. Tears are no substitute for obedience (Matt. 7:21; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
- III. Sorrow over the plight of others (Luke 19:41-44).
  - A. Jews had many opportunities to repent and do God's Will.
  - B. Today, the disobedience of man no doubts upsets God (Gen. 6:5).
  - C. Without repentance and reconciliation, God will execute His vengeance (Heb. 10:30-31).

### Conclusion

- I. Weeping is not something that should be discouraged or belittled.
- II. Even our Lord utilized the ability to cry on different occasions.