

You'll Never Read "Jesus Wept" the Same Again

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 11

Core Message: This teaching from Rabbi Schneider centers on the deep emotional connection Jesus has with His people. In John 11, the shortest verse in the Bible—"Jesus wept"—reveals not only His humanity but also His divine empathy. Rabbi emphasizes that Jesus weeps with us in our pain and desires to be close to us in our suffering. He challenges us to respond to hardship not with accusation toward God, but with trust, faith, and an open heart that believes in God's present love and desire to bring breakthrough. Belief in God's love and goodness, even in suffering, opens the door to seeing His glory.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

Core Memory Verse: John 11:33-35 (NASB) "When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, and said, 'Where have you laid him?' They *said* to Him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept."

- **John 11:36 (NASB)** "So the Jews were saying, 'See how He loved him!'"
 - **John 11:40 (NASB)** "Jesus said to her, 'Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'"
 - **John 11:43-44 (NASB)** "When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The man who had died came out, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus *said* to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'"
 - **Revelation 3:20 (NASB):** "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me."
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Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

* "Jesus is closer to you than your next _____."

* "He wants to be our burden _____."

* "Jesus loves us so much more _____, personally, and sensitively than we can comprehend."

* "We can either go into the trajectory of believing in God's _____, or we can let the enemy seep in."

* "The enemy is always standing at the door of our _____, knocking."

* "If you believe, you will see the _____ of God."

* "Use God's Word against your _____."

Notes:

(Use lines below for your own thoughts and key takeaways.)

Reflection Questions:

1. How does understanding that “Jesus wept” change the way you view God's response to your personal suffering?

2. In what areas of your life do you struggle to believe that Jesus is with you and cares deeply?

3. When facing disappointment, are you more likely to accuse God or lean into trust? Why?

4. How can you strengthen your belief this week so you can “see the glory of God” in your circumstances?

5. Can you recall a time when you have sensed God’s empathy for you? Write about it.

Application Challenge of the Week:

Every day this week, when you feel overwhelmed or discouraged, take a moment to say out loud, “Jesus, I believe You are with me. Help me to trust Your love today.”

(Or come up with your own application as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- * Thank Jesus for being present in your pain and for weeping with you.
 - * Ask the Holy Spirit to help you trust God's love more deeply.
 - * Pray against any spirit of accusation or bitterness toward God.
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