

Jesus Wept

Palm Sunday

Read: Luke 19:41, Hebrews 5:7

Palm Sunday represents the day that Jesus rode a donkey toward Jerusalem as people joyfully worshipped Him, laying down palm branches and their garments to cover the road so even the donkey did not travel on the ground. But the closer He traveled to Jerusalem, the more His heart became overwhelmed. He began to weep over the city.

Jesus had a full range of human emotions: anger, joy, peace, compassion, etc. The Bible records three times that Jesus wept:

1. On His way to Jerusalem
2. At the tomb of Lazarus
3. Hebrews 5:7 says Jesus prayed with tears

When Jesus wept it revealed what He really cared about.

Respond: Why is it important that Jesus had a full range of human emotions?

Why did Jesus weep?

- Jesus wept for the suffering and misery of mankind. **Read:** Luke 19:42
 - He knew what would bring mankind peace, but they were blind to it.
- Jesus wept for the future. **Read:** Luke 19:43
 - Jesus knew what life without God would bring.
- Jesus wept for missed family connections. **Read:** Matthew 23:27
 - He wept because He missed the relationship He wanted to have with all His children.
- Jesus wept for all the people that wouldn't let Him protect them. **Read:** Ephesians 6:12
 - He knew the tendency of mankind to try to self-navigate.
- Jesus wept for those living outside of His love. **Read:** Matthew 9:36-37; Romans 5:8; Luke 19:10
 - God is hopelessly and forever in love with the human race.
 - Read the Story of the Prodigal Son - Luke 15:11-32

Respond: How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus wept over mankind? When was the last time you were moved to tears over something the Holy Spirit placed on your heart?

Summary

These passages give us an opportunity to see into the heart of Jesus. He truly cares about a suffering world that struggles to live without Him. He cares about missed opportunities for relationships with His creation. He cares about the senseless pain people experience trying to navigate on their own. And He cares about every single person living outside of His love.

Wouldn't it be awesome to be a part of the miracle of turning tears of heartbreak into tears of joy? Who can you invite back to church with you to experience the great love of Christ?

Prayer

Make time to pray for one another before you dismiss your group.