

Focal Point: Pt 7 - Jesus Wept

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- **Paradox: Two truths appearing to be in conflict, yet both are true.**

- **Jesus is fully God and fully Man**

John 1:1, 14 ESV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word **was God**. And the Word **became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- **God is sovereign and Man is responsible**

Ephesians 1:11 ESV In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.

Acts 2:23 ESV ...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

- **Weakness and power.**

- **Death and life.**

- **Judgment and mercy.**

John 12:24 KJV Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

Psalm 34:8 NIV Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

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- **And yet He knew the outcome.**

John 11:21-27 ESV Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” 23 Jesus said to her, “**Your brother will rise again.**” 24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

- **Martha was thinking eternally; Jesus was speaking immediately.**

John 11:33-35 ESV Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, **he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.** 34 And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 **Jesus wept.**

- **Divine knowledge did not cancel Jesus’ emotional response to Mary.**

1) God is not distant from our pain.

Hebrews 4:15 ESV For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.

- **When we grieve, we do not grieve alone.**

2) Faith is not the absence of emotion.

- **We can have faith in God through tears.**

John 11:36-46 ESV So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” 38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “**Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.**” 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, 46 but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

3) Jesus has authority over the cause of sorrow.

- **The Savior who weeps with us is the Savior who conquered death.**

Psalm 34:17 NIV The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

- **God hears our prayers. God responds to our prayers.**
