



Jesus Wept – John 11:35

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Key Scripture

Luke 2:52 — “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”

Read Together

Read selected portions of:

- John 11:1-44
 - Romans 8:28
 - Isaiah 55:8-9
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1. God Is Not the Cause of Our Suffering

Read

- John 11:1
- Romans 6:23

Discuss

1. Why is it important to understand that suffering entered the world through sin and brokenness?
 2. Have you ever struggled with blaming God during difficult seasons?
 3. How does knowing God is present in suffering change how we walk through it?
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2. God Promises Our Suffering Will Not Be Wasted

Read



- John 11:3-4
- Romans 8:28

Discuss

1. Why do people often feel their suffering is meaningless?
 2. Have you ever seen God use a painful experience for good later on?
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3. God's Timing Rarely Matches Our Timing

Read

- John 11:5-6
- John 11:17-22
- Isaiah 55:8-9

Discuss

1. Why is waiting on God so difficult?
 2. Have you ever questioned God's timing?
 3. What does trusting God practically look like during seasons of uncertainty?
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4. Jesus Weeps With Us

Read

- John 11:30-35
- Hebrews 5:7
- Isaiah 53:3

Discuss

1. Why do you think Jesus wept even though He knew Lazarus would rise again?
2. What does this story teach us about the heart of Jesus?



Greek Word Study

- **Mary's weeping ("Klaio")**
 - loud sobbing
 - grief filled with hopelessness
 - **Jesus' weeping ("Dakryo")**
 - quiet tears
 - compassionate empathy
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5. Belief in the Middle of Suffering

Read

- John 11:25-26
- John 11:40

Discuss

1. Why is "belief" such a major theme in John 11?
 2. How can suffering either strengthen or weaken faith?
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Group Reflection

John 11 reminds us:

- God is with us in suffering
 - Our pain is not wasted
 - God's timing is trustworthy
 - Jesus understands human grief
 - Hope is never lost with Jesus
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