

Jesus Wept (John 11:35)

Introduction (2 minutes)

- The shortest verse in the Bible, yet carrying eternal weight.
- Why would the Son of God, full of glory and power, cry?
- His tears are not weakness — they are a **revelation of His heart for the lost**.

1. Jesus Wept for Humanity's Condition

- At Lazarus' tomb, Jesus saw more than physical death — He saw the spiritual death of humanity.
- **Romans 3:23**: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
- **Revelation**: His tears were a cry over the blindness of people who could not see that He is the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25).
- **Illustration**: When you see a loved one heading into destruction, you cry not because you are weak, but because you see where they are going.

Call: Jesus is weeping today over every soul that is spiritually dead in sin.

2. Jesus Wept Because of Unbelief

- The people around Him doubted: "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind, have kept this man from dying?" (John 11:37).
- **Revelation**: Their unbelief broke His heart more than Lazarus' death.
- **Hebrews 11:6**: Without faith it is impossible to please God.

- When we reject Him, when we refuse to repent, His Spirit is grieved.
- **Illustration:** Like Noah's generation — God gave time to repent, but their unbelief led to destruction.

Don't let unbelief make Jesus weep over you — believe and turn to Him today.

3. Jesus Wept But Then Called Lazarus Out.

- Tears alone were not the end — He acted.
- He cried, then **spoke resurrection**: "Lazarus, come forth!" (John 11:43).
- **Revelation:** His tears at the tomb pointed to the cross, where He Himself would die and rise to bring us salvation.
- **John 3:16:** His love led Him to weep, His love led Him to die, and His power brings eternal life.
- **Illustration:** Lazarus' tomb is your life in sin — but today Jesus is calling you out of the grave of addiction, immorality, pride, unbelief, and rebellion, unforgiveness

If you hear His voice today, do not harden your heart (Hebrews 3:15).

Conclusion

- Jesus wept, but His tears were for your salvation.
- He wept so that you don't have to remain in the tomb of sin.
- Today He is calling your name — will you come out?

Altar Call (Closing Prayer).

“Jesus wept for me. Today I don’t want His tears to be wasted. I repent of my sins. I believe in Him as the Resurrection and the Life. Lord, call me out of my tomb and give me new life.”

Invite people forward, emphasizing:

- **Repentance** (turn from sin).
- **Faith in Jesus** (believe He is the Resurrection).
- **Salvation** (receive eternal life).