

January 20

Luke 19:41 (NLT) But as he [Jesus] came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep.

We often discuss current events in class. The inauguration of President Trump is history in the making so we devoted some class time take a closer look at this event. We looked at several different news stories about this momentous day with most dealing with the protests, the objections, and, in one case, the impeachment of the new president. The discord in this nation and the deep divide that separates us began to affect all of us. Much of the news was very hard to explain as it seemed to be driven by raw emotions. Toward the end of the class, I noticed that one of my students was crying because of the condition of this nation.

This devotion will be short. After class, I told my student not to be embarrassed because that should be the response of all us. Then, I remembered that when Jesus looked over Jerusalem and its discord, He wept. As I stood alone in my class, I thought that if all the anger that we were aiming at each other could become tears over what we have lost, this nation would be so much better off. Then, I understood that it would be good start if I my tears outnumbered my complaints. The anger of man cannot bring about the righteousness of God, but true repentance can.