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Jesus Wept

John 11:28-37

I. When the Lord Calls, Do You Come Quickly? (vv. 28-29)

- A. _____ from Martha to Mary (v. 28)
[Jn. 11:20-27; Matt. 11:28]
- B. The Teacher calls and Mary _____ (v. 29)
[Gen. 22:1-3; 1 Sam. 3:4-10; Mk. 10:46-50]

II. When You Come, Do You Fall at His Feet? (vv. 30-32)

- A. Sometimes Jesus _____ for you to come to Him (v. 30) [Mk. 14-5; Heb. 13:11-13]
- B. There is something _____ about consoling others (v. 31) [Eccl. 7:4]
- C. Mary's worship is sincere but _____ (v. 32)
[Jn. 11:4, 22; Lk. 10:38-39; Jn. 12:3]

III. When You See Jesus Weep, Do You Know What Moved Him? (vv. 33-35)

- A. Jesus _____ the situation (v. 33)
[Matt. 9:30; Mk. 1:43; 14:5]
- B. Jesus comes _____ to the problem (v. 34)
[Jn. 15:15]
- C. Jesus _____ with tears of compassion (v. 35)
[Isa. 53:3; Lk. 19:41; Heb. 5:7; Eccl. 3:1, 4; Rom. 12:15]

IV. When You Start to Doubt, Do You Trust in His Wisdom? (vv. 36-37)

- A. The Jews' _____ (v. 36) [Heb. 13:8]
- B. The Jews' _____ (v. 37) [Eph. 1:11; Job 33:13; Deut. 29:29]

TAKE HOME

- Do you hear Jesus _____ for you?
- Will you rise up and come _____ to Him?
- When is the last time you _____ at His feet?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 11:28. Why do you think that Martha referred to Jesus as “The Teacher”? Why do you think that Jesus wanted to meet with Mary in private? Does Jesus call for you today? How? (Matt. 11:28)

2. Read John 11:29. How long did it take for Mary to come to Jesus? Do you always respond in this same way? Why or why not? (Gen. 22:1-3; 1 Sam. 3:4-10; Mk. 10:46-50)

3. Read John 11:30. Why had Jesus not yet come into the village? What are some other things that happened outside of the gate? (Mk. 14-5; Heb. 13:11-13)

4. Read John 11:31. What is there that is sacred about consoling others who are hurting? What does Ecclesiastes 7:4 say? What does that mean?

5. Read John 11:32. How was Mary’s worship sincere but incomplete? Where do we always see Mary in Scripture in relation to Jesus? (Lk. 10:38-39; Jn. 12:3) What can we learn from this?

6. Read John 11:33-35. What is going on in these verses? What does it mean that Jesus was “deeply moved” and “greatly troubled”? Why did Jesus weep? How does this encourage you?

7. Read John 11:36-37. Do you believe the Jews made the right observation? The right interpretation? Why or why not? What is the answer to verse 37? Why didn’t Jesus keep Lazarus from dying?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? What truths from this text can be applied to your life this week?

To be cold and stoical and unmoved in the sight of sorrow is no sign of grace. There is nothing unworthy of a child of God in tears. Even the Son of God could weep. It shows us, above all, that the Savior in whom believers trust is a most tender and feeling Savior.”

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*