

“Jesus Wept”
John #34
John 11:28-37
September 23, 2018

Scripture Reading: John 11:28-37
Series Setup & Introductory Remarks
Prayer

Introduction

- Different people respond to suffering in different ways and receive comfort in different ways.
- **Big Idea:** When you suffer, Jesus is there with comfort...but also challenge.

***Sisters Contrasted | Luke 10:38-42**

****Jesus With Martha | John 11:20-27**

Jesus With Mary | 11:28-35

1. Jesus relates individually to us | contrast of Martha and Mary
2. Jesus’ emotions are a comfort to us | Jesus invited into our place of pain
3. Jesus’ emotions are a challenge to us
 - a. “Deeply moved” - ἐμβριμάομαι (embrimaomai) - snorting of horses, outrage
 - b. “Greatly troubled” - ταραύσω (tarasso) — disturbed, terrified, agitated
 - c. “Jesus became angry in spirit and very agitated” — Rodney Whitacre
 - d. Why was Jesus so upset? The effects of sin and death.
 - e. William H. Willimon — The gospel is not simply about meeting people’s needs; the gospel is a critique of our needs, an attempt to give us needs worth having. The Bible has little interest in many of the desires that consume present-day North Americans. Therefore, Christian [care] will be about more than meeting people’s needs...Christians are the sort of people who have had our needs rearranged in the light of Christ.

The Crowd Contrasted | vs. 36-37

1. Relationally-oriented people: “see how he loved him”
2. Action-oriented people: “could not he who opened the eyes...”
3. R.C. Sproul — It was good that those who asked this question trusted Jesus to heal. But they needed to know the full extent of His power.

Gospel

- John 11:27 — He healed others, couldn't he heal Lazarus?☹
- Matthew 27:42 — He saved others, let him save himself!

- Isaiah 53:3-4 — ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- St. Augustine — The one sick, the others sad, all of them beloved. But He who loved them was both the Savior of the sick, nay more, the Raiser of the dead and the Comforter of the sad.

Living it Out

1. Take your suffering to Jesus | 1 Peter 5:6-7
2. Enter into others' suffering | Ecclesiastes 7:4

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 — Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.