

# Jesus is Still Weeping

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Luke 19:41-44 (After Jesus' Palm Sunday Triumphant Arrival)  
41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-but now it is hidden from your eyes. 43 The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. 44 They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Jesus has a heart for the lost...

- Lost sheep (Jesus says He was sent "to the lost sheep of Israel")
- Lost coins. Lost sons.
- And lost people

In fact, Jesus said,

"the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Scripture only records two times where Jesus weeps:

- ***ONCE FOR GRIEVING SISTERS MARY & MARTHA***  
John 11:35 "Jesus wept".

Meaning; "to shed tears in response to sorrow or grief"

- ***AND ONCE FOR THE "LOSTNESS" OF HIS PEOPLE***

Luke 19:41

As [Jesus] approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it

Meaning; "to sob" "to wail aloud"

What made Jesus Weep or Wail or Sob that day?

v. 44 "because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

- He wasn't weeping for Himself—
- He wept for the lostness of His people
- God's chosen people had failed to recognize Him (the promised Messiah)
- They had put the prophets before Him to death
- And they were about to kill Him
- And Jesus wept!
- For the lostness of His people, He wept!

How about us? Is Jesus weeping over anything in your life?

## 1. **HAVE YOU FAILED TO RECOGNIZE HIM?**

Jesus is weeping!

## 2. **DO YOU HAVE UNFORGIVENESS IN YOUR HEART?**

Jesus is weeping!

## 3. **IS YOUR LIFE FRUITLESS?**

Jesus is weeping!

## GOD HAS A HEART FOR THE LOST---

And He celebrates when the lost are found.

### Luke 15:22-24

The father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'