



Yeah, I Cry

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READING: Luke 19

I was taught growing up that men are not supposed to cry. I believed this for a while and would always try my hardest not to cry, no matter the circumstances. As I grew older and more mature in my faith, I could not help but notice that Jesus cried. But why did Jesus cry?

In Luke 19:41-44 Jesus weeps approaching Jerusalem. At first glance, it makes sense that He weeps because He knows what will happen there. Jesus knows He will suffer and die on a cross bearing the full wrath of God, but this is not why He is weeping. Jesus weeps because Israel's leaders have rejected Him and most of Israel has rejected him. Ironically, Jerusalem means "city of peace," and the only One who can truly bring peace will be rejected and killed there. Jesus was broken over the people whose lives would end in destruction because they did not put their faith in Him. Jesus knows He will be justified in sending people to hell who do not trust in Him, and yet He weeps over their lost souls.

Are you broken for the lost like Jesus is? I think people are partially right and partially wrong when they say that men should not cry. Christians should not cry about things that do not matter. Jesus wept because people He loved were living a life that was leading them to destruction. Jesus wept because these people were missing out on a relationship with the life-giving, all-satisfying God of creation. I want to be like Jesus.

PRAYER: God, thank You for giving me peace through Your Son, Jesus. Forgive me for times when I am not broken over my lost friends and family. Give me a burden for the lost each day and remind me through Your Word that I am called to point them to Jesus.

TOMORROW'S READING: Luke 20

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