

Jesus Wept—Living in a Broken World

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I. The Reality of a Broken World

II. Living in a Broken World

John 11:17, 20-21 (NIV) ¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

A. I look for someone to _____.

John 11:32 (NIV) *When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."*

1. We try to blame _____.
2. We try to blame _____.
3. We try to blame _____.
4. But, I must remember the _____.

John 11:21-22 (NIV) ²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

John 11:23-24 (NIV) ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

John 11:25-27 (NIV) ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

- a. Truth for _____
- b. Truth for _____

Matthew 28:20b (NIV) *"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

B. I might feel _____.

John 11:33 (NIV) *When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.*

John 11:33b (NLT) *...a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled.*

John 16:33b (NLT) *"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."*

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV) ²⁶"In your anger do not sin:" Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold.

C. I may experience _____.

John 11:34 (NIV) *"Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.*

John 11:35 (NIV) *Jesus wept.*

John 11:36 (NIV) *Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"*

D. I may encounter _____.

John 11:37 (NIV) *But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"*

1. Doubt is not the _____ of faith.
2. Doubt is not the _____ of faith.

3. _____ responses to doubt
 - a. _____ changes
 - b. _____ changes
 - c. _____ change

E. I could face _____.

John 11:38-39 (NIV) ³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

John 11:40-44 (NIV) ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

III. How Can I _____ in a Broken World?

A. Remember the _____

1. Truth for _____

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2. Truth for _____