



# A Weeping Savior

**Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”**

**–John 11:25**

I am standing at the graveside of a man that lived one hundred years on this earth. People are staring, crying, and remembering. The bugle plays. The songs carry their own style of remembering. And the preacher speaks.

I’ve been there so many times. Up next to the casket, so close you can see down in the ground. Faces looking at you are wondering how you can wrap a bow on all the emotions that are overwhelming them at this painful, confusing time. It seems that even the trees bend in to hear what will be said about this “beyond comprehension” moment.

The pastor starts, “Jesus wept.” Two words that are so significant. But why? Why did Jesus weep?

Jesus did so many things that John tells us there isn’t enough space anywhere to keep the books. He healed, raised, preached, laughed, touched, prophesied, prayed, died, and rose again. And that is just what we know. But one peculiar thing, in my opinion, that He did took Him to greatness on both sides of death. He wept.

I have always wanted to know why. It’s definitely a question I’ll ask Him when I get to heaven. Until then, I will only have to speculate. I won’t bore you with all the things that “pinballed” in my head through the years. I’ll go straight to the speculated conclusion.

He saw both sides. The exit sign and the welcome mat at once. The moment of going and coming in a single glance. But no one else did. Not Martha who was angry with Him. Not Mary who was crying so much she had to fall at His feet. Not the questioning disciples. Not the confused spectators. Just Him. And when He saw the pain of the “one-sided” onlookers and the doubt of those who proclaimed such love, it must have broke His heart. So He stands there and He weeps, wanting so bad to pull back the curtain and remind them all of this truth.

HE is the exit sign and the welcome mat. Two in one. He conquered the grave and ushers in the saints. He took Satan’s power of death and built a door. The all-powerful savior and the sinful Lamb. The resurrection of life.

From My Heart,

*Billy*