

From the Pastor's Heart

"Jesus wept."

John 11:35

Dearly Beloved,

How beautiful are those who bring good news!

The closer Jesus came to the Cross the more He taught about joy; and the more it is recorded that He, "wept."

His heart was greatly troubled in these verses of the Gospel of John that describes the death of Lazarus. Those close to Lazarus were consumed with grief over his death, and that had a powerful effect on Jesus. Jesus is touched mightily by the inevitable losses in our lives, and He weeps because of what sin has done. His tears are not for Himself; they flow from a deep compassion over the condition of humanity.

As we approach Palm Sunday we see Jesus, again, weeping as He laments over the hard-heartedness of His children, Israel..." O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing." Matthew 23:37

Let our hearts and minds be settled on this truth: He who wipes our tears of loss and grief has tears streaming down His face as He does so. Let us so intimately walk with Our Savior to the holy ground of His death, burial, and resurrection on our behalf!

Joyfully serving YOU!

Pastor Bill