“JESUS WEPT”

I sometimes wonder if people think of this verse as any other than the shortest verse in the Bible? It was on the occasion of the death of Lazarus that this occurred. (John 11:35)

I don’t know where it started but many have heard, “Grown men don’t cry,” or “Strong men don’t weep.” While it is true that men do not weep as readily as women most of the time, it is not true that men don’t weep. Most of the time it takes stronger events to cause it.

Jesus wept, in all probability, because he had strong feelings for the family of Lazarus, and he sympathized with the sisters, after all he was a man. Perhaps he wept because of the lack of faith on the part of some. One son said he had not seen his father weep until a family catastrophe when the father was 45. It did not mean that the father had not wept before. Men have a tendency to weep alone.

Men have always wept, some in private and occasionally in public, when confronted by unexpected trial or calamity. Man is the head of the household (1 Cor.11:3) and he feels that responsibility of being strong for the family.

Many things cause us to weep, the loss of a spouse, the loss of a child, family trouble, church trouble and a myriad of other things. We older men weep easier than we used to, perhaps because we feel more and experience more.

But yes, men do weep!

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