



Essential Evangelization

God Cried

Jesus wept. Found in the Gospel of John and at the tomb of Lazarus, it is said to be the shortest verse in the Bible. Some of us may have an easier time imaging the “laughing Jesus” as depicted in popular artwork. But God crying? At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus, a man like us, but perfect in every way, was overcome with love and emotion at the sight of Martha and Mary and the others at the tomb of their fallen friend. It was tears however out of their lack of faith and in not believing in the glory that awaits all those who believe.

Jesus cried again at His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and as the Gospel of Luke tells us, near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives. On this day we now celebrate as Palm Sunday. As Jesus rode the colt, the whole crowd and disciples began to praise God joyfully for all of the miracles they had experienced. As he approached Jerusalem however, and saw the city below he paused and wept. Again it was out of love and emotion, and this time for the unbelief of God’s chosen people. He said, “If this day you only knew what makes for peace ... but now it is hidden from your eyes ... you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

Do you know Jesus? Or is God weeping tears for you too?

“The whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God aloud with joy...some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples.’ He said in reply, ‘I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out.’”

Luke 19: 37-40

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