

John 11:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

Analysis

Jesus' deep emotional response is profound. The Greek 'embrimaomai' (groaned in spirit) suggests intense indignation or strong emotion, possibly anger at sin and death. 'Troubled himself' indicates deliberate emotional engagement—Jesus chose to enter fully into human grief. His response shows both His humanity (genuine emotion) and deity (righteous anger at death's ravage). Christ doesn't merely sympathize; He shares our sorrow. This validates emotional expression in Christian faith.

Historical Context

The intense terminology reflects Jesus' full humanity. Greek philosophy often portrayed ideal men as emotionless, but Jesus models healthy emotional expression and righteous indignation.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' emotional intensity teach about righteous anger at sin's effects?
2. How does Christ's full entry into grief validate our own emotional responses to loss?
3. In what ways should righteous indignation at death shape Christian ministry?

Interlinear Text

Ἰησοῦς οὖν ὥς εἶδεν αὐτῇ κλαίοντας καὶ τοὺς
Jesus therefore When saw her also weeping and G3588
G2424 G3767 G5613 G1492 G846 G2799 G2532

συνελθόντας αὐτῇ Ἰουδαίους κλαίοντας ἐνεβριμήσατο τῷ
which came her the Jews also weeping he groaned G3588
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in the spirit and was troubled G1438
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Additional Cross-References

John 11:38 (References Jesus): Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

Mark 3:5 (Parallel theme): And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

John 12:27 (Parallel theme): Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Romans 12:15 (Parallel theme): Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

Hebrews 4:15 (Parallel theme): For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Mark 9:19 (Parallel theme): He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

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