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- There are three times in the Bible we are told Jesus wept:
 - First, John 11:35, He wept over the sorrow of others at Lazarus' death
 - The third time Jesus wept was in the garden of Gethsemane the night before His crucifixion - Heb. 5:7
 - But the second occasion of His sorrow is over Jerusalem in Luke 19:41-44

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- “Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Jesus Is A Man With A Broken Heart

- He knows that Israel will not receive Him
 - John 1:11 - “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.”
- He knows they will reject His message of salvation and crucify Him.
- That is why He is called “a man of sorrows”
 - Isa. 53:3 - “He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.”

Jesus Wept Because He Knew Why They Would Perish

- Willful ignorance. Jesus knew that they would refuse to know Him.
 - Luke 19:42 - “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.”

He Wept Over What The Sinners Had Lost

- Elusive peace. The city had been waiting for it since the days of Solomon
- Assyrians, Philistines, Moabites, Ammonites, Hittites, Syrians, Seleucids, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans

He Wept For Who Was Lost

- They were His people, His nation, His kinfolk
 - Matt. 23:37 - “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!”

He Wept Over Their Lost Opportunity

- Gen. 6:3 - “And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh”
- Rev. 2:21 - “And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.”
- 2Peter 3:9 - “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

He Wept Over Their Lost Opportunity

- “The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone” (Harriet Beecher Stowe)
- Ecc. 12:1 - “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, I have no pleasure in them”
 - Estimated that only 8% of those who obey the gospel do so after the age of 20.
- Psalm 89:48 - “What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave?”
 - I have preached the last sermon many people have heard.

He Wept Over Their Blindness

- They had refused to see, so God took away what could be seen
 - Rom. 1:28 - “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind”

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- The most religious people of His day, the Pharisees and scribes, did not know Him
 - Matt. 7:21-23 - “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

He Wept Because Of Their Destiny

- Rom. 2:3-9 - “And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who will render to each one according to his deeds: 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness--indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek”

He Wept Because Of Their Unfaithfulness

- He knew that the crowd which now cried “Hail Him! Hail Him!” would in a few short days be crying “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”
 - Eph. 4:14 - “That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine”

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- When was the last time you grieved over a soul bound in sin?
- Many have children and loved ones outside the church. When was the last time you actually sobbed and shed tears on their behalf?
- When was the last time you got down on your hands and knees and prayed for their salvation?
- If we can't answer these questions, we may have to answer for their lost state. Someday it will be too late for tears
- Let's pray that the things that broke Jesus' heart will also break ours.