

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Tears of Jesus

According to prophecy, our Lord was to be a man of sorrows (Isa. 53:3). The Bible records many intensely sad and trying moments Jesus faced. If we were in His position, we would no doubt find many occasions to cry over our difficult circumstances. However, it is interesting to note that when the Bible describes Him weeping, Jesus sheds tears for others. There are three such recorded instances in the New Testament. Our Lord wept at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:35). He wept upon seeing and considering the state of Jerusalem (Luke 19:41) and He wept when He prayed (Hebrews 5:7).

After the death of Lazarus, we find one of the most beautiful windows into the caring nature of the Lord Christ. We read not only of His tears, but of the reaction of the Jews, "See how He loved him!" (John 11:35-36). Yes, He is the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality (1 Timothy 6:15-16), but He is also a man who has lost a friend. Of course, the power of His divinity is on display when the Lord arose up Lazarus, calling him from the tomb (John 11:43-44). We should not overlook the power of His humanity on display as well. The Messiah lived as a servant. He humbled Himself, coming in the likeness of men (Philippians 2:5-8). This is the promise of "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23) and "the Word became flesh" (John 1:14). Jesus wept over losing a friend, even knowing He would raise him.

Immediately following the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we see a change come over Jesus. As He approaches the city, He weeps over their spiritual state and approaching destruction (Luke 19:41-44). Jesus weeps over their false belief. Although they welcome Him, the people will later reject their Messiah and cry out for His death (Luke 23:23). They are like sheep not having a proper shepherd (Mark 6:34). They reject the one who is the good shepherd (John 10:14-15) and the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). So often we create our own bad circumstances through poor decision making. This is especially bad when we have fallen in the same trap before; we should have learned something from the experience. The Bible explains how the people had Moses and the prophets to teach them, and yet they still failed to comprehend the promise of the Messiah (Luke 16:29; John 5:45-47).

The writer of the book of Hebrews describes Jesus as praying with "vehement cries and tears" (Hebrews 5:5-9). Many bible commentators consider this a reference to what must have occurred in the Garden of Gethsemane. Although the Gospel accounts do not specifically mention tears at this scene, they do describe Jesus as "being in agony" as well as "sorrowful and deeply distressed" (Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46). This most intense moment for our Lord shows His great devotion, to God and to man. Sorrowful for the wickedness and separation of transgression, yet committed to the cause, Jesus says, "not My Will, but Yours, be done (Luke 22:42). The Lord's obedience is consistently on display for our edification. Doing the will of the Father was His business and His food (Luke 2:49; John 4:34). The Hebrews writer would also announce Jesus as the creator of the faith "who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2).

Tracing the tears of Jesus through the bible we learn of God's amazing care. Most powerfully, the Lord cried out to the Father in the garden concerning the sins of all mankind. Jesus' loving kindness is also evident in lamenting a single city, Jerusalem so far from what they could have been. His Divine concern is also seen in weeping for one man, a close friend like Lazarus. What awesome compassion is seen in the tears of our selfless redeemer!

—John Haffner

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Shanna Edwards and her family in the loss of her father, **James Stephens**. James died peacefully Sunday morning, October 20th. Visitation was from 10:00 a.m. to noon Wednesday, October 23rd at Acres West Funeral Home. A graveside service was held on Thursday, October 24th.

Prayer Request

Tommy Garcia, Sr. (father of Tommy Garcia II) was air lifted from Pecos to a hospital in Lubbock early Monday morning (October 21st). He was diagnosed with a brain hemorrhage. A successful surgery was done on Tuesday. Keep Tommy in your prayers.

Concerns Update

Lester Whisenant is still in Room #557 at MCH. He is under Hospice Care. He needs prayers.

Prayer List

Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Sharon Brown; Bill Butler; Shawn Callendar; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Paulie Ann Easlon; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Sandy Lawless; Betty Leeth; Miguel Lozano; Jed Martin; Patsy Mitchell; Ora McAfee; Jason Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Bill Ryan; Debra Shipley; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

I am the grandfather of Moab and Ben-Ammi; I'm the father, too _ _ _.

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Joel was the prophet whose name meant "The Lord is God".

Events

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "**Speaking the Truth in Love**" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Westside Church of Christ is hosting a "**Ladies Day**" on Saturday, November 2nd from 9am—2pm. The guest speaker is Becky Blackmon from Waco, TX. Her theme is "I Just Want to Be a Sheep". Lunch will be provided. No childcare.

Office News

OCTOBER ATTENDED NURSERY

10/27/19 Sonia & Jaque

The "**NMCCH Home**" will be here December 3rd for a food pickup. No food selections yet! However, we will be receiving names of children from the home next week for our X-mas Holiday consideration.

When I Pray I Can...

Acknowledge that my help comes from above (Psalm 121:1-2).

Acknowledge if God is for me, no one can be against me (Romans 8:31)

See my unworthiness contrasted with the magnificence of God (Neh. 1:5-7)

As a child, talk to my Father (Matthew 7:11)

Pursue the will of God in my life (Matt 26:39)

Seek true wisdom (James 1:5)

Seek the blessings of God on behalf of ones I love (John 17:19-21)

Seek forgiveness—even for my secret sins (Acts 8:22).

Ask whatever I want, according to His Will (I John 5:14).

Have confidence that my prayer will be heard (I John 5:14-15).

Thank God for all He has done/is doing on my behalf (Phil. 2:13; 4:6).

Thank God for my brothers and sisters in Christ (Phil. 1:3).

Draw close to God (James 4:8)

Petition God on behalf of the sick (James 5:13-16)

Take advantage of the promises God has made (Hebrews 13:5).

Tap into the vast resources of heaven. (Eph. 3:20)

Request help in resistance of the devil (Eph. 6:18)

Win a battle against the devil (James 4:7)

Separate myself from the world—for a while (Matt. 6:6)

Expect mercy and grace in time of trouble (Heb. 4:16)

Find peace (Phil. 4:7).

I must not stop praying!

—East Hill church of Christ

October 27th, 2019	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Scot Straw	Jr. Munoz
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	Jaxon Straw
Closing Prayer	Gary Loving	Kevin Wilcox

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

Larry May

West...

Miguel Lozano

John Wood

Oliver Hernandez

Communion

Richard Siler

(In Library)

East

Rudy Ochoa

Jackie Perkins

Jacob Carson

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 556-5547—*Deacon*:: Jacob Carson 940-3775—*Pulpit*:: Doug Guynn 260-0440—*Table*: John Wood 413-7444 — *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*; Trinidad Wood—413-7444 *Collections*: Trinidad Wood—413-7444

Sunday AM

"Tomb of the Lord"
(Matthew 28:1-6)

Sunday PM

"Lamb of God"
(John 1:29-36)

Our Records

Bible Class... 81
Morning Worship...108
Evening Worship...69
Wednesday...68
Contribution...\$4,051.00