HE WEEPS WITH YOU

My Bible Reading

“When Jesus saw her [Mary] weeping… [He asked] ‘Where have you put him [Lazarus]?’… They told him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Then Jesus wept. The people who were standing nearby said, ‘See how much he loved him!’” (John 11:33-36, New Living Translation)

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (two sisters and a brother) were very good friends of Jesus. So when Lazarus got sick, the sisters sent word to Jesus to come with the hope that He would heal their brother. But by the time Jesus got there, Lazarus had died. When He met up with Mary, she was crying.

Then something extraordinary happened. Jesus wept. But why? He knew that in a few short minutes He would perform the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. So what was He crying for—who was He crying for?

Jesus was weeping for His dear friend Mary. At that moment in time she was heartbroken, and Jesus wanted to identify with her pain and cry with her. Sure He was going to raise Lazarus, but right then Mary needed the comforting tears of Jesus, and He was there for her.

Truth is, when your heart cries out in pain or discouragement, Jesus is there crying with you too. He was there for Mary and He is there for you whenever you need Him. He is “the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8 NLT). You can count on Him.

My Prayer

Thank You that You care enough about me and my problems that You even weep with me. Thank You for being such a dear friend and Savior like that to me. Help me be that kind of close friend to someone today. Amen.