

# Like a CHILD

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John 11:1-45, Lamentations 3: 1-24

Does God Cry?

1. Please read John 11 :1-45 carefully and discuss what are the main points concerning Jesus love for Mary, Martha, and Lazarus and why did he not go to see them immediately he knew Lazarus was dead. Why did Jesus weep and what does it tell us about His thinking compared to the thinking of those others present? What does the passage also tell us about the His second coming, death and the resurrection?
2. Read Luke 19 :37 -48 and discuss what is the difference in why Jesus wept compared to John 11- compare and contrast? Can you see any similarities with verses in Lamentations 3 like 13-18? Is this passage In Luke really a lament and a warning of what would happen in A.D. 70 when the Romans sacked Jerusalem? [See Psalm 56:8]
3. Read Hebrews 5:7-10 what does this passage say about Jesus tears prior to His crucifixion and His reverent submission to His Father – again compare and contrast with John 11 and Luke 19? What is it about tears that shows we care about others and especially the Lord Himself and why does it touch us when we see others crying? Are we living in a world that increasingly ignores the plight of others and do we as God's children offer up enough prayers and petitions and tears for others when we see need and especially for those who are lost?