



— From prison walls to the freedom found in Christ's boundaries —

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## **The following was written by Donald, a current resident at KBPA.**

John 11:35 "Jesus Wept"

Here we have the shortest verse in the Bible. A verse that is loved by so many young people who have their eye on a prize for Bible verse memorization. Loved because anyone can remember two words long enough to make it through Vacation Bible School. But what about you and I, the person who is studying the Word and looking for its meaning, looking for its power in our lives. What is there for us?

As I read and study this verse and the story around it, I cannot help but to be encouraged. Once again, I am reminded that we serve a Savior who feels the pain and sorrow of the loss of a loved one like we do. We serve a Savior who when we hurt, He hurts too. He feels our pain.

I have read the account of Lazarus's death. I often wondered why Jesus would cry for the death of His friend when he knew good and well that He was going to bring him back to life. As I pondered this it struck me that Jesus was not crying because of Lazarus's death, but maybe He was crying because of the pain and sorrow that His friends were going through.

That my fellow readers, is a reason for us to love this verse. These two simple words can change the way we look at life when we are faced with the many hurts and struggles of this life. These two simple words are all that we really need when we are so overwhelmed with pain and loss that we do not think we can take another step.

Let us dwell on and rest on the fact that our LORD AND SAVIOR feels our pain, understand our struggles, and is right there just waiting for us to cry out to Him. He Himself is most likely crying with you as He holds you close by His side.

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