

INTRODUCTION

Stephen Langton, made chapter divisions of the Bible, died in AD 1228.

Sir Robert Stephanus, used verse divisions in his Greek New Testament, AD 1551.

Evidently, the statement "Jesus wept" was so heartfelt that he set it apart by making it a complete verse, allowing nothing to interfere with it.

1. TEARS WITH OTHERS IN SYMPATHY: (John 11:35) "Jesus wept"

The complete story is recorded in (John 11:1 - 46)

(Hebrews 4:15) "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses ... " We sing, "Jesus knows all about our struggles" Hymn #396

(Romans 12:15) "Weep with those who weep" We sing, "often for each other flows the sympathizing tear" Hymn #711

(Ecclesiastes 9:5) "The living know that they shall die;" so, prepare to meet thy God.

2. TEARS OVER THE CITY OF JERUSALEM:

(Luke 19:41) "Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it."

(Matthew 23:37) "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem ... How often I wanted to gather your children together ... but you were not willing ... "

(v1-36) Jesus describes the wrong attitudes and actions of the religious leaders.
(v38) "See! Your house is left to you desolate."

We, like Jesus and the apostle Paul (last week's sermon), need to be heart-broken over those, who do not come to Jesus, in our neighborhood, city, nation, world.

(Acts 20:31) "remember that for 3 years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears."

Never lose the ability to be concerned for the spiritually lost.

3. TEARS WHEN SORROWFUL: (Hebrews 5:7) "Who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear."

(Matthew 26:36-39) "... a place called Gethsemane ... My soul is exceedingly sorrowful ... He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed ... "

(Luke 22:43) "then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him"
(v44) "And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly ... "

When prayer does not change the "thing," it changes me!

When you cannot change your circumstances, change your attitude.