



From the Desk of Father Peter

Yes He Did, Jesus Wept

Today's Gospel is very comforting for us Catholic Christians on many levels. The raising of Lazarus from the dead is a foreshadowing of what will happen to our Savior Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. The Catholic Church teaches us that one day our bodies and souls will be united with God in heaven. The raising of Lazarus gives us all hope of consolation and hope of rising.



The reaction of Jesus at the death of his friend Lazarus is also a source of consolation, especially when we too are grieving the loss of a loved one. We hear that Jesus was perturbed and deeply troubled. It states also that Jesus wept. We really need to pause and reflect on this for a moment on this Lenten journey as we carry our cross and try to follow in his footsteps. Jesus—the Son of God—wept at the news of the death of his friend. Jesus wept despite the fact that he is all knowing and all powerful. He wept even though he knew he could raise Lazarus. This is quite remarkable and it can help us in our grief. So we often wonder, “WHY?” when someone dies, especially if it is a sudden death, a family member or a young person, we are shaken. We will not be able to answer this question, but we will know that Jesus is right there with us, weeping and experiencing our loss. We know Jesus shares our grief.

Our faith might be more conditional than we would admit. We

may expect to magically solve all our problems perhaps by way of miraculous signs and wonders such as the sisters of Lazarus did. It is understandable, but that is not how faith works. It is not only about a miracle fix but rather about facing and solving life's challenges with confidence that we do not face them alone—that God is at our side. So rather than hope for a miracle today or tomorrow, work on resolving a problem ourselves, with the confidence and serenity that God is with us through it all. It is called faith, and in it, taking up one's cross to follow Jesus as a witness and testimony of his presence in our lives. When life troubles you and turns your life upside down, remember this too shall pass. What little things are you taking with you from your life? Select one today, with care, and appreciate.



Peace and love to all.

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