

**LEARNING WITH LUKE 23:20-31 “TIME FOR WEeping”** P. 1050 PEW BIBLE

Luke 23:28-31 - But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and your children. For behold the days are coming when they will say 'blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will say to the mountains, 'fall on us,' and to the hills, 'cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

*If Jesus is crucified unjustly by the Romans at the demand of the Jews, consider what will become of those who reject Christ, when God uses the Romans to wreak justified vengeance upon His guilty and rebellious people?*

**1- MAN FROM THE COUNTRY - compelled**

Luke 23:26 - Simon of Cyrene  
Matt 27:32, Mark 15:21 - cross  
John 19:16-17 - to Golgotha  
Luke 9:21-27, 14:25-33 - your cross

*The striking profile of a man carrying a cross is sobering for every disciple of Jesus. If we do not feel the weight of the cross, if there is no sacrifice, if there are no occasions of humiliation, then we are not following Christ. - RK Hughes*

**2- WOMEN OF JERUSALEM - lamenting**

Luke 23:27-28 - mourning  
Matt 27:24-26 - His blood  
John 19:12-15 - no king  
Psalm 24:3-10, 47:1-9 - Lord  
Luke 13:5,31-35, 19:41-44 - wept  
Zeph 3:14, 9:9, 12:10-14, 2 Sam 1:24,  
Isa 4:4, Jer 14:16, Eze 14:22, Hosea 10:8

*The siege of Jerusalem by the Roman army brought the most horrible sufferings from famine and pestilence that can be conceived, and none of these judgments fell more heavily as upon the wives, the mothers, and the children. -JC Ryle*

**3- SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN - prophesied**

Luke 23:28 - do not weep for Me  
Luke 22:66-71, Matt 26:57-68  
Mk 14:53-65, Jn 18:12-14, 19-24,28  
Daniel 7:13-14 - Lord Jesus Christ  
Acts 7:51-70 - Stephen's vision

*Jesus refers to the first Jewish holocaust in which more than a million Jews were slaughtered in AD70. This reminds us of when we must all stand before the judgment seat of God on that last day of great fear and mourning. -RC Sproul*

**4- JESUS' PROPHECY FULFILLED - AD70**

Luke 23:29-31 - days are coming  
Luke 11:47-51, 12:39-40 - woe  
Luke 17:20-37, 21:5-36 - near

*God could also redeem those lamenting Jesus, who would repent and believe in Him before the coming devastation. And in God's providence, Christians were spared because Jewish persecution drove them out of Jerusalem. -RK Hughes*

**5- WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE ? - repent & receive**

John 16:1-33 - tribulations  
Acts 6:9, 11:20, 13:1 - Cyrene  
Rom 16:13,20,25-27 - obedience of faith  
Rom 8:27-39 - all things

*It isn't only what God does that is so amazing, it is also when He does it. Like Simon conscripted to carry Christ's cross, one chance encounter leads to another. It is how Jesus builds His church. Pray for Him to use you! -SB Ferguson*

**DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD**

3-06 **Luke 23:23-31** - lamenting  
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3-08 **Luke 13:31-35, 19:41-44** - wept  
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3-11 **Luke 9:21-27, 14:25-23** - cross  
3-12 **Romans 16:1-27** - obedience

*The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God*

♦ *How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?*

