

**Jesus Wept**  
**John 11:1-45**  
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from Christ's compassion.

- Intro:
1. Christ was able to raise the dead while on earth.
  2. Christ was also compassionate towards men while on the earth.
  3. In John 11 we see His power and compassion on display.
    - a. For Christ power and compassion went together.

I. Lazarus, Christ, and Resurrection

A. A Bigger Purpose in Death

1. The purpose of the death of Lazarus is stated (**v.1-4**)
2. Jesus refers to Lazarus death as sleep (**11-16**)

B. Christ and His power of Resurrection

1. Martha states that his death could have been prevented (**v.17-22**)
2. Jesus reassures Martha of the hope in the resurrection (**v.23-27**)

II. Response to death

A. The Family Response

1. Mary makes the same statement as Martha (**v.28-32**)
2. Both sisters obviously wanted their brother to have been saved from this physical death (**v.21,32**).

B. Christ's Response

1. Jesus first responded by groaning "in His spirit and was troubled" (**v.33**)
2. Jesus also weeps over the death of Lazarus (**v.34-36**).
3. Jesus' power questioned (**v.37**)
4. Jesus fulfills the purpose of Lazarus death by raising him from the grave (**v.38-45**)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. He not only carried sorrows He shared in them.

1. Jesus recognized the sorrow in the death of loved ones (**v.34-36**)
2. Jesus was not cold-hearted, but sympathetic.

B. Christ's compassion showed His Humanity

1. Christ's compassion shows He was human.
2. He also wept over the death of Lazarus (**v.35**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Sometimes, a few words say it best, Jesus Wept (**v.35**).
2. Jesus had power to raise him from the grave, and did so, yet He still wept with them.
3. Christ was God and Man, He was powerful and compassionate.
4. Compassion is not weakness, compassion shows true strength.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9