Morning Lesson

THREE TEARS FROM A SAVIOR'S EYE Isa. 53:3

INTRO:

- 1. "Big boys don't cry."
- 2. Jesus cried and he was no weakling.

I. JESUS CRIED AT LAZARUS' TOMB. John 11:35

- A. Mary and Martha needed someone to care and share their pain.
- B. Even though he was about to raise Lazarus, he wept with those that wept. Rom. 12:15.
- C. Our world would be better if instead of putting others in their place, we put ourselves in their place more often.
- D. This tear was a tear of sympathy.

II. JESUS CRIED OVER JERUSALEM. Luke 19:41-45

- A. In his shining moment, his hero's welcome, he broke down into passionate sobs.
- B. He had come to bring light, but they chose darkness. John 1:11
- C. Jerusalem was in God's crosshairs and they would not listen.
- D. The voices that now shouted "hosanna" would soon shout "Crucify him."
- E. This was a tear of sorrow.

III. JESUS CRIED IN GETHSEMANE. Heb. 5:5-7

- A. The Hebrew tells us something the gospels do not, Jesus had strong crying in the garden that night.
- B. He did not want to suffer the separation of the cross, but there was no plan B. Heb. 12:2
- C. Americans take 33,000,000,000 aspirins a year and most doctor visits are for stress-related symptoms.
- D. Countless pillows are wet with tears of heartache and Jesus sees every one; and he cares. 1 Pet. 5:7
- E. "God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering."
- F. This was a tear of struggle.

CONC:

- Man is unique in that he expresses his emotions through tears.
- 2. Big boys sometimes do cry, for Christians never outgrow being children of God.