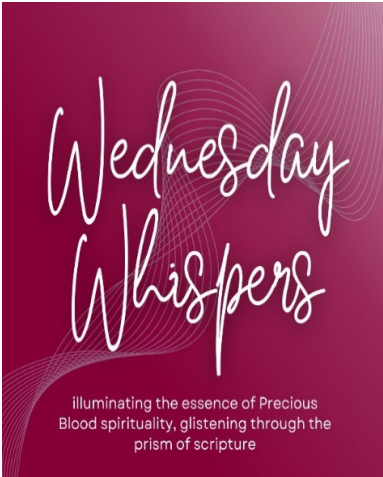


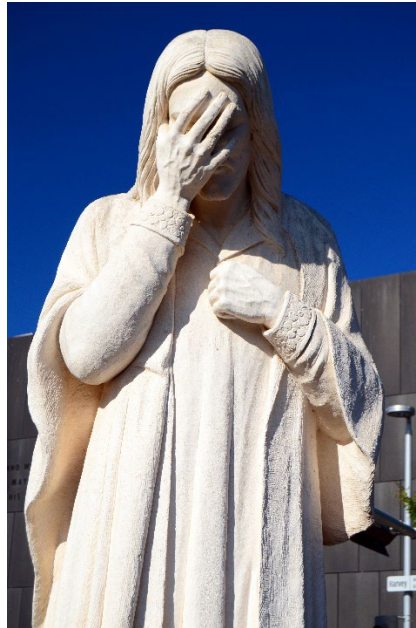


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“She stood behind him at his feet, weeping,
and began to bathe his feet with her tears.” Luke 7:38



About 30 years ago, the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City was the site of a terrible bombing, killing dozens of innocent people. A short time later, a historical marker was installed for an outdoor statue of Jesus across the street. It was titled “And Jesus Wept,” which presents Jesus with his head bowed, covering his tearful face.

Jesus weeps over tragedy, yours, mine, and the world's. When there is a senseless killing, when there is needless suffering...our God weeps for us. Knowing this gives us consolation. It gives us strength and encouragement to continue on our way, his way. Jesus says repeatedly in scripture, “I am the Way, the Light, and the Truth.”

His way is the way of compassion, reconciliation, and consolation when there is injury or suffering. Jesus showed this to the unnamed woman in Luke's gospel story who shed her tears on his feet and wiped them with her hair. Her many tears were because of the forgiveness of her many sins.

Jesus weeps when we fail to extend compassion, or reconciliation, or consolation when there is injury or suffering. We need to be more in tune with those around us and become aware of their need for a shoulder to lean on, a helping hand, a prayer, or even some time alone with someone to share the presence of God with them; whatever is needed at the moment when the need presents itself. We are all called to serve 'our dear neighbor' as St. Maria de Mattias in whatever is needed. Maybe you are the only glimpse of God that person might have for that day! Are we worthy of the privilege of being in the presence of God for someone we encounter? No one is. All we can do is what we can do.

Since we are filled with the light of Christ beginning with our baptism, we are to share that light with others, to bring them into the Light. In the Light, there is no need for tears. There is no need for weeping and sorrow.

One truth that is a given, he draws us to himself. Jesus leads us to the Father. No matter how far we stray, Jesus is always after us to lead us back to the Father, into the fold, like the lost sheep we are.

There is still a question that may abide with us today, "What do I need to bring to Jesus with my tears today?"

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