

## **The Gospel of Luke**

### **Do Not Weep for Jesus**

Luke 23:26-33

1. **The Absolute Reality of the Cross of Jesus Christ** (v.26)

While scoffers and mockers revel in denying that Jesus of Nazareth died on a Roman cross and rose bodily from the grave, Christians must be absolutely unwavering in our affirmation of these facts. The final hours of Jesus included physical and emotional exhaustion before the torturous beatings began, which they themselves preceded His gruesome death.

2. **The Appropriate Response to the Cross of Jesus Christ** (vs.27-31)

Public mourning was a common and religious activity in which many people participated. Women mourners would follow a condemned criminal and would often offer them anesthetic drink in order to ease the suffering of death by crucifixion. Jesus took the occasion of their mourning to make a final pronouncement as the true Judge before He endured the judgement of God.

3. **The Precise Recognition of the Cross of Jesus Christ** (vs.32-33)

As we remember the death of Jesus Christ on the cross, we must not focus primarily upon the physical death He endured. We must focus on that which God accomplished by the means of His death on the cross.