INTRODUCTION:
1. The Christian life is to be full of overflowing abundant joy.
   A. Someone has said that joy is the flag that flies from the heart when the King is in residence there.
   B. A Christian is to have joy unspeakable - 1 Peter 1:8.
      1. Behind out tears, beneath our struggles, joy abides.
2. The Christian life is also a life of weeping and mourning.
   A. We are told there is “a time to laugh and a time to weep” – Ecclesiastes 3:4.
3. Three times the Bible says that Jesus wept:
   A. At the grave of Lazarus - John 11:35.
   B. In Gethsemane before his betrayal - Hebrews 5:7.
4. What was it that broke Jesus' heart as he looked over the city?
   A. What was it that moved him to such compassion that he wept?
      1. He cried over sin.
      2. Three truths caused Jesus to weep over the city of Jerusalem.
5. Let's look at each truth and ask ourselves, “does this truth disturb me?”
   A. If I am a true follower of Christ, it seems that what broke his heart ought to break mine.
   B. As we examine these truths, we need to consider if we bear a likeness to Jesus?
      1. We need to ask, “Do we feel as He felt?”

BODY:
1. RELIGION WITHOUT REALITY
   A. Jesus wept because of the superficial religion of his people.
      1. On the day of these events the people were rejoicing and casting palm branches before Him.
      2. They were saying - verse 38.
         A. What a day of joy and pageantry.
         B. But in the midst of it all, Jesus wept.
   B. Jesus saw the superficiality of their religion.
      1. He beheld a crowd that had a religion which was empty of reality.
         A. They had celebration, pomp, and ritual, but not God.
         B. They had form, but not force.
      2. He knew that the crowd which now cried “Hail Him! Hail Him” would in a few day be crying “Nail Him! Nail Him!”
   C. The Pharisees and the Sadducees of Jesus' day, the most religious people of His day, had never really submitted to him – Matthew 7:21, 22.
      1. They had preaching, praying, power, and performance.
         A. But they did not have Jesus - Matthew 7:23.
   D. When Jesus looked at their religion that was without reality and force broke His heart.
      1. What about us?
2. OPPORTUNITY WITHOUT OBSERVANCE
   A. Jesus wept over the passing opportunity of His people – Luke 19:41, 42.
      1. What an opportunity these people had!
         A. The Lord Jesus Christ, the King of glory, was coming in, and they were
            not ready to receive Him.
      B. Especially in this day they should have known – Luke 19:42.
         1. The most glorious opportunity of the ages was slipping past them.
            A. If Jesus looked at our cities and the lost opportunities we have let pass He
               would weep over us!
      C. Jesus knew that in a very short time judgment was to come upon the people.
         1. God gives opportunity, but when it is spurned, He gives judgment.
            A. Jeremiah wept over Jerusalem and Judah.
               1. He warned them of judgment and they would not listen.
               2. The Babylonian army came, surrounded the city, and cut of the people
                  from their food.
            A. Judgment came.
      D. Opportunity is quickly passing from us.
         1. The world is full of drunkenness, dope, vice, adultery, fornication and
            perversion of all types.
         2. We are going away from God.
         3. He has given us opportunity, but it is passing by.
            A. Next comes judgment.
      E. If Jesus were to look at us today, our churches keeping house, and the world bent
         on following sin, He would weep!
         1. The opportunity of youth is passing - Ecclesiastes 12:1.
            A. Estimated that only 8% of those who are saved do so after the age of 20.
            B. Many times we as parents tell those who are trying to teach them the gospel
               that we do not want our children manipulated, or religion forced on them.
               1. When they turn 17, 18, or 19 and they are living on drugs, or in
                  fornication, we want to bring them to the preacher or elders and say,
                  “Can't you do something for him?”
               C. When we do these things we stifle the Word to the point it no longer cuts,
                  penetrates, or affects - Hebrews 4:12.
         2. The opportunity of life is passing - Psalms 89:48.
            A. I have preached the last sermon people have heard.
            B. We think we are young, and death is a long way off.
               1. Go on a field trip to a cemetery and read the headstones.
                  A. You might be surprised at the number of young people who are
                     there.
               2. Read the Newspapers and see the number of people who died in the
                  prime of life.
                  A. More people die with their street clothes on than their pajamas.
   3. CALAMITY WITHOUT CONCERN
      A. In this text we see the smoldering judgment – Luke 19:43, 44.
1. Judgment was coming, but they did not know it.
   A. They were living in a time of peace and tranquility.
   B. But Jesus looked through the tunnel of time and saw the judgment they could not see.

B. I wonder if Jesus does not see the judgment of the world.
   1. Remember, after opportunity comes judgment.

C. Someone has defined the church in the 21st century as a “Dry Eyed Church in a Hell Bent World.”
   1. Do you know what is wrong with the world and the church today?
      A. No tears!

D. I read a story about a preacher who was written and asked, “We have tried everything to bring revival with no results. We have prayed, fasted, preached, but no revival. What should we do?” He wrote back, “Try tears.”
   1. Someone has said, “We will not have revival until we have Mr. Amen and Mrs. Wet Eyes back in the pew.”
      A. When was the last time we shed tears over a soul mortgaged to the devil?

E. Many of us have children and or other loved ones outside the church.
   1. When was the last time we actually shed tears on their behalf?
   2. When was the last time we got down on our hands and knees and prayed for their salvation?
      A. If we can't remember the answer to either of these questions, we may have the answer for their lost condition.
      B. Some day it is going to be too late for tears, maybe it already is.

CONCLUSION:
1. Let's pray that the things that broke Jesus' heart will break ours.
   A. Let's strive to have a religion that is real.
   B. Let's seek to seize the opportunities that come our way.
   C. Let's begin to show real concern for the calamity of the lost.