Jesus Wept
Goodness of God
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Psalms 34:8

- Theme: God is not the CAUSE of our suffering, but He brings about His glory through it.
- Suffering
  - ✓ (Greek: Pathema) - Acts 26:23 NLT
  - ✓ Central to the gospel message, it's ORDAINED, not an unfortunate turn of events
  - ✓ God promises our suffering will not be wasted - John 11:1-7 NIV
    - Secularism - suffering is MEANINGLESS - avoid it
    - Moralism - Suffering is PAYBACK - your fault/actions
    - Fatalism - suffering is FIXED - stop struggling
    - Christianity - suffering is REDEMPTIVE - God transforms it - Romans 8:28
  - ✓ God's timing in suffering rarely MATCHES our timing - Isaiah 55:8-9, John 11:16, 17-34
- When suffering
  1) REACH out to Jesus
     - God HEARS our prayers - Psalms 34:17
     - God RESPONDS to our prayers
  2) REFUSE to lose faith in Jesus
     - Our faith is not transactional, it's RELATIONAL - Galatians 2:20, Matthew 11:6

3) RECEIVE from Jesus
    - Jesus gives Martha TRUTH
    - Jesus gives Mary TEARS - John 11:38-44

Conclusion - Jesus is the resurrection and the LIFE! - Revelation 21:1-5, John 11:53