

HOMILY for GOOD FRIDAY – Year A

Does Jesus Cry for Me?

Jesus walked upon this earth & shared His Father's will;
His gentle spirit came to love; His spirit loves us still;
He cried the tears of heartache for who wouldn't see...
I wonder if He's crying now, and are those tears for me?
I know how much I've hurt Him, in things I've said and done –
The selfish ways I've lived my life, the songs I've left unsung.
Dear Lord, will you forgive me, and let start anew?
Prepare my heart and let me see what you would have me do.
My hands are yours for molding; my feet are yours to send.
Let me walk beside you now, and be your earthly friend.
The journey is before us – I know what I must do.
I'll give my life to hear you say, "Well done, I'm proud of you."
By Jill Lemming

Jesus cried for the women of Jerusalem on the way to Mt. Calvary as He predicted the siege & destruction of the City of Jerusalem by the Romans. During His ministry, He cried for the poor widow who lost her only son to death & brought him back to life for her. He also cried for those who could not see & believe in Him. There have been times we have lost our faith in Him & hurt Him with our words & actions. Jesus cried we have done those. There have been times we have lived in our own selfish ways & failed to carry on the missions that He left behind for us. Jesus cried when we have done those. Let's turn our lives around like the repentant thief & be the hands & feet for Jesus on earth. Let's stand by Jesus now & be His earthly friend. Let's turn our lives over to Jesus to carry on His mission for us & hear Him say, "Well done, I'm proud of you."