

Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily
Weekday Mass – Thursday, November 19, 2020
Cycle A

Jesus wept for the city of Jerusalem. Jerusalem may have been a heartbreaking sight for Jesus to behold. The prophets said that this will be the capital city of the world and the center of God's Kingdom on earth, but why did Jesus weep over the city rebuilt by a remnant of the Jews under Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah?

The tragedy is about a lost opportunity. They were being visited by their Savior but they were tragically unaware of this privilege. Instead of celebrating eternal life with the author of life, they would kill Him.

Jesus wept not because the rejection would damage Him in any way. The tears flowed from the Sacred Heart of Mercy and Compassion that He felt for Jerusalem. He did not want that any should perish. He did not want any of His beloved to be separated.

What was true for Jerusalem is true for us now. We are given the golden opportunity by a God constantly knocking on our hearts. When we shut the door, we have to realize that we are just on the losing end, but that the loss is so great, nothing else matters.

The key here is to get into the heart of the matter to appreciate the great value not just of the offer, but the One making the offer. Then we pray that we are moved to respond also with tears, for us to be cleansed of whatever blindness that blurs our sight.

Amen