

Is Jesus Still Weeping?

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The Church

- **A Redeemed, Miraculous, and Spiritual People**
- **A People with a Mission**
- **But we need to be careful not to think too highly of ourselves and forget the lost world.**

1. The Need Is Great

- **And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.” (Luke 19:41.42)**
- **Luke 15: Lost sheep, lost coin, lost son**
- **“For God so loved the world that He gave...”**

Germany 82,300,000 population

- 27% EKD (766,000 attend regularly)
- 29% RCC (2,401,000 attend regularly)
- 1% Evangelical Free Churches (800,000)
- 2% Orthodox (Eastern Church)
- 0.1% Jewish
- 5% Islam (2,500+ Mosques, 500,000 regular att.)
- 36% No Religion

USA 327,200,000 population

- **25.4% Evang. Free Protestant (83,100,000)**
- **14.7% Mainline Protestant (48,098,400)**
- **6.5% African-American Protestant**
- **20.8% RCC (0.5% Orthodox)**
- **1.6% Mormon and 0.8% Jehovah Witness**
- **7.9% Non-Christian Faiths: 1.9% Jewish; 0.9% Muslim; 0.7% Buddhist; 0.7% Hindu; 2% other**
- **22.8% No Religion**
- **Estimated 110,000,000 Lost in USA**

Latin America 626,000,000 pop.

- **69% RCC**
- **19% Protestant (60% Charismatic)**
- **8% No religion (doubled over last ten years.)**

Sub-Saharan Africa 1,060,000,000 pop.

- **62.9% Christian**
- **30.2% Muslim**
- **4% Other religions**
- **3% No Religion**

Asia 4,463,000,000 pop.

- **7% Christian (312,410,000)**
- **24% Muslim**
- **25% Hindu**
- **12% Buddhist**
- **9% Animism or folk religion**
- **1.3 % Other Religion**
- **21% No Religion**

2. The Enemy Is Real

- **“For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you” (Luke 19:43-44).**
- **“The thief has come but to steal, to kill, and to destroy. I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).**

Misery Indexes

- **Divorce rates up – 30% of children are raised in single-parent homes.**
- **Research shows that “living in a single parent family is strongly correlated with school failure and problems of delinquency, drug use, teenage pregnancies, poverty, and welfare dependency in the United States.”**
- **Abortion: annually 56 million worldwide**

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- **The International Labor Organization (ILO) reported 12.3 million trafficking victims in 2005, 21 million victims in 2012, and 40.3 million victims in 2016.**
- **4.8 million persons in forced sexual exploitation ... 71% of the trafficked victims were women while 28% were children**

3. The Time Is Short

- **“And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation” (Luke 19:44).**
- **“Visitation” is connected to “mercy” in Luke.**

God's Words to Baruch

This is what the LORD says: “I will demolish what I have built and uproot what I have planted, throughout the land! But as for you, do you seek great things for yourself? Stop seeking! For I will bring disaster on every living creature, declares the LORD, but wherever you go I will grant your life as plunder.” (Jer. 45:4-5)