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How does Jesus model the biblical path of responding to hard realities?

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Why do you think Jesus allowed himself to grieve in this way?

What does this teach us about God?

How does this make you feel?

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