

## Telling the True Story

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Lamentations 3:1-66; 5:1-22

- I. The Scroll That Fell Apart
  - A. Acrostic poems (see Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 119)
  - B. What is happening here? (1:15-16; 2:5; 4:4-6; 5:11, 13, 15, 21-22)
  - C. But what about chapter 3? (3:1, 3, 6, 8, 15, 22-23, 26-32, 57-59)
  - D. Teaching us how to grieve (5:21-22)
  
- II. Even when it doesn't feel true
  - A. There are times when the story of sin doesn't feel true (Hebrews 10:26-27)
  - B. There are also times when the story of salvation doesn't feel true
  
- III. For the sake of those who can't tell it
  - A. There are many people who could not say what he said.
  - B. We must tell the true story to those who don't yet believe.
  - C. We must speak *for* those who cannot (see Psalms 6; 42; 137; Lamentations 3:64-66)
  
- IV. Even if the darkness closes in again
  - A. The Ninth of Av (5:22-23; Psalm 30:8-12; 39:12-13)
  - B. Tell the story anyway (1 Timothy 4:7)
  
- V. Death and Resurrection
  - A. Good Friday (Lamentations 3:1-8; Mark 15:34; Matthew 27:34, 41-43).
  - B. These bear witness (John 5:39; Luke 24:26-27; Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; Genesis 3:15)
  - C. Our true story