

GO AND TELL JESUS  
Devotional for July 15, 2018 based upon Mark 6: 14-29

The Gospel writer Matthew, in his account of the death of John the Baptist, adds an interesting detail that the Gospel writer Mark does not include in his account. Mark 6: 29 merely says that "when his (John the Baptist's) disciples heard about it (John's death), they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb." Matthew 14: 12 adds, "Then they went and told Jesus."

There are times in our lives – when great sorrow comes or great tragedy strikes – when more than anything else we need to tell someone, and the one we most need to tell is Jesus.

One of my mother's favorite songs asks,  
"Does Jesus care when I've said goodbye to the dearest on earth to me.  
When my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks  
Is it anything to Him, does He see?"

And then comes the glad response,  
"Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares.  
His heart is touched by my grief.  
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary,  
I know my Savior cares."

There are times in our lives when more than anything else that is what we need to know – that our Savior cares. Whatever grief I am feeling, whatever sorrow I am experiencing, whatever tragedy I am going through, I can know for sure that my Savior cares.

That was one of my mother's favorite songs. A good friend of my parents sang it at the memorial service for each of them.

And that is what we all need to know – that our Savior cares. Like the disciples of John went and told Jesus about the death of His dear cousin and their dear leader and friend, so we all have things that we need to tell Jesus.

What is it that you need to tell Jesus today? Whatever it is, know for sure that He cares, He will listen, and He can help. He can give you the love and comfort that you need and the strength to see it through.

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