

Tell it to Jesus.

Matthew 14:1-12 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, [2] And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. [3] For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. [4] For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. [5] And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. [6] But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. [7] Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. [8] And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. [9] And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her. [10] And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. [11] And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. [12] And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, **and went and told Jesus.**

John was the last of the prophets, with a unique ministry. The Old Testament prophets, foresaw the coming of the Saviour, John, as the last of them was to proclaim His arrival, and to make ready for people to receive Jesus Christ. John was glad to hand over His disciples to the Lord Jesus. *John 1:[36] And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. John was Faithful to His calling.* He was glad to decrease that the Lord my increase.

There is a wonderful scripture that sums up John's ministry. Acts 13:25 **And as John fulfilled his course, He completed, and he carried through to the end. he performed and executed everything.** Oh that every one of us would fulfil our course, that we fill to overflow our service for the Lord.

John's disciples were sad their leader was brutally taken away, so **they went and told Jesus.** This was the best thing they could do... to go and tell Jesus. Where could John's disciples go now? Like Peter, they would say, Lord, to whom can we go, thou only has the words of eternal life. They had lost John but they gained the saviour, in him all that their hearts could wish.

Have we been to Jesus and told Him anything? And it's recorded here, as an example, for us to follow. *Psalms 116:2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.* It's not everyone that has this privilege, it's for the righteous, for those made righteous by the blood of Jesus Christ. Those who say, *O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:* The saved seek God. The saved have been granted access. The wicked have no access.

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It is the righteous He hears. *Psalms 34:15-16 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. [16] The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.* Shall we not use our privilege Shall we desert him now that he has gone into heaven to represent us, now that he has fought the fight, and won the victory on our behalf, and gone up to heaven as our Representative? God forbid!
(CHS) Besides *The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.* (*Psalms 10:4*)

Have your sins been forgiven? Are you right with the Lord. Can you say He is my saviour, The Lord is in my thoughts, I will seek Him.

So, they went and told Jesus. They prayed, what's prayer – isn't it going and telling Jesus, Jesus hears His children with compassion. Jesus who is full of feeling and care.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted just as we are, yet without sin.

The Lord suffered every human experience, sorrow, mockery, false accusations, trouble, joy, qualifying Him as a saviour who is full of sympathy. He wants to help, He is able to help, He understands, and He has the power to help. He is not only a wonderful saviour but also a wonderful friend who rescued us and brought us to know Him. One who is always available. One in whom is hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Col 2:3

Do we need wisdom- A situation that is beyond your fathoming? **go and tell Him.**

Or maybe there is a situation you just don't know what to do. Knowledge is needed. **Go tell Him...** He knows the end of the matter. He knows the answer and the solution. There is no power that can stand against His council, nothing can disappoint His purposes and what He says.

We see an example of King Hezekiah. Who was overwhelmed.

2 Kings 18. The king of Assyria sent a terrible and terrifying message, They were all discouraged and frightened. A very blasphemous message, saying God was not able to deliver them. Don't listen to Hezakaiah when He tells you to trust in the Lord. Things were very low and grim, what could they do?

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The servants of Hezekiah came to Isaiah, the Kings advisor. His words were so comforting, Tell your master thus saith the Lord, Be not afraid of the words you have heard, I will send a **blast** upon Him. a violent, and sudden, and terrible stroke; namely, that miraculous destruction of his army.

How messengers can come to us in the way of thoughts, God won't help you, there is no way out. We go to our counselor the Living Word of God. And we are encouraged as we hear His word.

2 Kings 19:14 And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, **and spread it before the LORD.**

He looked to heaven rather than to earth for his wisdom. He prayed and told the Lord all – Oh Lord open your ears and hear, what the enemy is saying. Oh Lord open your eyes and see. Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands. We do fear Lord.

Now I beseech thee save us oh Lord out of their hands, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are Lord.

How speedily deliverance came, *For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.*

2 Kings 19:35 And that night the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. One Angel 185,000 dead Assyrians in one night. Then the King of Assyria departed and went home. The true God of Israel had done enough to convince him that He alone is the one and true God the God who is powerful, that He ought to bow His knee to the Lord. But he continued to bow to his idols continued to worship his false god. His own two sons struck Him down.

There are many who have seen that the Lord God indeed, They have heard many times. Yet they still don't bow their knee to Him and worship Him. Oh, bow your knee before death strikes you down. Before it is too late.

Oh, believer who says the Lord is my saviour. Tell it to the Lord, Tell Him whatever you need is, he is greater than every enemy, greater than every need that you have, greater than or fears, greater than the devil. **Go and tell Jesus.**

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Remember the Father that had a great need His son was tormented by a devil. He told the Lord If you can do anything. And the Lord said If you can believe. *Mark 9:24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*

He told the Lord of His struggle to believe. The Lord honoured that and cast out the demon and the father received his son back safe and delivered. You can tell the Lord tell Jesus about your unbelief, about doubts and fears you have about your inward struggle. He is able and He is more willing to help even more than we are to ask.

Think about the situation when Lazarus fell sick. His sisters Mary and Matha had such confidence in Jesus that they sent the message Lord, “he whom thou lovest is sick.” They didn’t tell the Lord what he should do about the situation. They just told Him. The Lord did more than they ever thought possible. He deliberately stayed longer, and Lazarus fell asleep and died. But in His own timing He came and raised Lazarus to life. How we must keep this in mind, if things get worse and worse, its only in order that He may come and give us a greater deliverance, a greater blessing.

Be patient things are not really getting worse. The Lord is in complete control He will come and do more than you ever thought possible. In our most difficult times, in times of great sadness **Go and tell Jesus about it.**

The Lord asks Mary and Martha, “where have you laid Him,” and the sisters answer, come and see, come see where we have laid our brother in the tomb, look upon our loss, look upon our sadness, see our situation. Jesus wept he was full of empathy, he felt what the sisters felt. He is touched with our feelings and infirmities. There is nothing that you can’t tell Him. Come to Him, He is not a hard unkind or unsympathetic. He is full of compassion and mercy. The bible speaks of the exceeding great riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

We struggle with so many things in this fallen world. What is your struggle?

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Is it sin, is it temptation, Remember He will subdue our iniquities. *Micah 7:19 He will turn again; He will have pity on us. He will trample our iniquities. Yea, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.*

When we read all the sins Mica is talking about it's a terrible list. Monstrous sins even these the Lord will pluck up by the roots. They are not too great for Him to deal with. **Go and tell Him.** Perhaps they are things you couldn't tell any other person, but you can tell Him. (He knows anyway) Keep nothing back be honest and He will hear you. He will pardon you He will restore you.

Is our struggle sad loss - disappointments. The Lord can make it up, He is able to give so much more. He turns losses into gains. **We all Face terrible storms in life.** Remember when Noah went into the Ark and closed the door the rain came. The water lifted the arc up higher to heaven. In a sense when storms come in our lives, they lift us higher to heaven. We go into our room and close the door and get on our knees and tell the Lord. Is it not true that trials drive us to our knees.

It could be a specific family matter- a very complicated issue, we can't see the solution. The thing is too hard for us. Remember in Deut 1:17. Moses is a picture of a type and shadow of Christ. Moses says to the lesser judges "And if the thing is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it."

He says, the thing that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it. It's not too hard for our Lord. whatever your doubts and fears, whatever you are facing whatever they are, he has the word for you, to bring you into gospel liberty, to release you to give you peace, comfort, strength, hope. **Bring it unto Him, Tell Jesus.**

Look at Peters deliverance, remember the wind was boisterous and He looked down at the circumstances and the danger and He began to sink. He cried out. **LORD Save me** and immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him and said unto him oh you of little faith. What a short prayer, **Lord Save me,** and immediately He came . Just three words. **Oh tell it to the Lord.** Cry out to Him Lord Save me. Immediately He will come. He will Hear, He cares, He will bless you and help you.

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I cannot move on there may be some among us that have never cried out these three words. Today if you have heard His voice do not harden your heart. Come to the Saviour, Cry out. Lord Save Me , I am a sinner I need salvation. Bow your heart and knee to Him. Ask Him to save you. He will come immediately He hears a true cry from a lost heart.

There is an old Hymn that sums this whole message so clearly.

1 Are you weary, are you heavyhearted?

Tell it to Jesus,

Tell it to Jesus;

Are you grieving over joys departed?

Tell it to Jesus alone.

2 Do the tears flow down your cheeks unbidden?

Tell it to Jesus,

Tell it to Jesus;

Have you sins that to men's eyes are hidden?

Tell it to Jesus alone.

3 Do you fear the gathering clouds of sorrow?

Tell it to Jesus,

Tell it to Jesus;

Are you anxious what shall be tomorrow?

Tell it to Jesus alone.

4 Are you troubled at the thought of dying?

Tell it to Jesus,

Tell it to Jesus;

For Christ's coming kingdom are you sighing?

Tell it to Jesus alone.

Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus,

He is a friend that's well known;

You've no other such a friend or brother,

Tell it to Jesus alone.

That is Faith That is honouring Him. That's finding in Him all we could ever need. May we always come, may we do so for His name's sake. **Amen.**