May we stand please...

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:1-14

Key Verse: V. 12

Matthew 14:12 (KJV)

¹² And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and <u>went and told Jesus</u>.

Prayer:

Subject: "Someone Go and Tell Jesus"

Introduction:

The background of this subject is that of how Herod had John the Baptist killed!

The disciples buried John and then went to Jesus and told Him all about it!

We too need to go "and tell Jesus!"

We need someone to talk to, someone to confide in!

Jesus is the best person one can go to!

Why is that?

Because...

1. He is Real!

[**Illus**] Someone once approached Bill Graham and asked this question: "*How do you know this Jesus is real?*"

Billy Graham replied, "*Because I just got through talking to Him*!"

There are many witnesses that He is real:

1 Corinthians 15:4-8 (KJV)

⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

⁵ And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

⁶ After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

⁷ After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.
 ⁸ And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

If he is not real, then why are all the atheists, the agnostics, the infidels, and the modernists trying to prove that He is not?

You don't see anyone trying to prove there is no Santa Claus!

There is nothing to prove!

Also, Because...

2. He is Approachable!

1 John 1:1 (KJV)

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

[Illus] We are told that in many of the cult religions of this world that their leader cannot be "approached" by the common followers!

Only "certain" ones with "rank" and "prestige" within the cult may come into their presence!

Not so with Jesus! The down-and-out may come just as the up-and-up!

Also, because...

3. He Desires You to Come and Talk to Him!

Matthew 11:28 (KJV)

²⁸Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

John 6:37 (KJV)

³⁷ All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Matthew 23:37 (KJV)

³⁷O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have

gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not!

Remember how He came down and talked with Adam and Eve in the garden! Why?

Because He desires our fellowship!

Revelation 4:11 (KJV)

¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Also, because...

- 4. You can Come from Wherever You Are!
- Israel cried to Him from the bondage in Egypt!
- Samson cried to him from the prison house of the Philistines!
- David cried to Him from a horrible pit!

Psalm 40:1-3 (KJV)

¹I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

² He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.
³ And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Come from wherever you are!

Your sickbed, your loneliness, your heartbreak, your sin!

Also, because...

5. You can Come at Any Time!

(If you haven't rejected Him)!

- In the daytime...
- In the night...
- Any time in life!

The old may come and the young may come!

The person who is nearing the end of their life (like the thief on the Cross)!

Also, because...

6. You can Tell Him Everything!

[**Illus**] We would not think of telling just anyone, even our dearest friend or a loved one, all that we have upon our mind and heart, but we can tell Him all!

You had better be careful who you tell things in this life!

[**Illus**] Talk about a church confessing things aloud before revival meeting...

Stealing, drinking, gossiping, etc. All was going well until a man confessed that he had been having an affair with a deacon's wife! That deacon left, went home, and got a shotgun and returned but the man was long gone! It tore that church apart and it split that night!

And best of all, Because...

7. He can and Will Help You!

Hebrews 4:15-16 (KJV)

¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.

¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

"Someone go and call the Lord!"

Closing:

Lord, there is so much to praise you for.

Thank You that you are always there when we call on you!

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