

"Running on Empty"

Jesus Satisfies John 20:1-9; Mark 16:1-13

Come to Jesus for:

I. Freedom - "comes Mary Magdalene early" (vs. 1-2)

Careful when we:

- A. See "seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre"
- B. Scurry "she runneth, and comes to Simon Peter"
- C. Say "says they have taken away the Lord"
- II. Forgiveness "Then comes Simon Peter following" (vs. 3-7)

 Careful how we:
 - A. Fellowship "they ran both together"
 - **B.** Fear "went in to the sepulcher"
 - C. Focus "sees the linen clothes lie...the napkin...by itself"
- III. Friendship "the other disciple did outrun Peter" (vs. 4, 8-9)

 Careful to:
 - A. Respond "which came first to the sepulchre"
 - **B. Regard** "and he saw"
 - C. Receive "and believed"

"Jesus has defeated death, paid the ransom for our souls and calls us to be His friends."

Additional Verses

- > John 8:31-32, 36
- Proverbs 18:34
- > Psalm 139:7-12
- > Luke 24:10-12
- > Luke 8:2
- > John 15:15

Jesus' Inner Circle

- Mark 1:16-20
- > Mark 5:37
- > *Mark 9:2*
- > Mark 14:32-35
- Matthew 10:2-4
- **▶** *Matthew 26:37*
- > Acts 1:3

Jesus Predicts His Resurrection

- > Matthew 12:39-40; 16:21; 27:62-64
- > John 2:18-22; 10:17-18

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. What are the key words in this passage?
- 2. Who is the central character of the passage?
- 3. Why do we meet on the first day of the week?
- 4. What does Mary's early visit to the tomb tell us about her?
- 5. Why does Mary run to Peter and John instead of the others?
- 6. How much of what Mary reported was accurate? Why did she say it?
- 7. Does Jesus have favorites, ie. "disciple whom Jesus loved?"
- 8. Why did John make a big deal about beating Peter to the tomb?
- 9. Why did John hesitate before entering the tomb?
- 10. What practical difference does Jesus' resurrection make in your life?

Sentence Sermon: