JESUS CARES AND SO SHOULD WE

I. JESUS COMFOR TED HIS MOTHER FROM THE CROSS.

A. We know in our heads that Jesus cares for us, but sometimes circumstances tempt us to doubt this.

B. This encounter between Jesus and his mother also demonstrates that Jesus cares about us.
   1. Notice that Jesus thought of his mother from the cross—v.26.
   2. “Woman” wasn’t a derogatory term in those days. It was akin to saying “Lady”.
   3. Jesus fulfilled his responsibility as a son laid out in the fifth commandment—Exo. 20:12.
   4. Even though Jesus was an adult he acknowledged that his responsibility to honor his parents was a life-long obligation.

C. Why didn’t he entrust his mother’s care to one of his brothers? At that time they didn’t believe in him although later that would change, especially for his brother James—John 7:5.

II. JESUS COMMISSIONED JOHN FROM THE CROSS.

A. Jesus gave John a new responsibility—27a.

   John 19:27
   27 and to the disciple, “Here is your mother..............

B. Remember that Mary was his aunt.

C. Did John take this responsibility seriously?—27b.

   John 19:27
   27 ...................... From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

III. WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS FOR US TODAY?

A. First, we should willingly take care of our family, for as long as it takes.

B. Second, we should, as Christians and churches, take care of each other. How do we know that? John tells us so—l John 3:11 and 3:16.