

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- A. Friends are important to us.
- B. Jesus is always our friend. John 15:13-15
- C. In what ways is Jesus our friend?

I. My Friend Jesus:

- A. Understands me.
 - 1. He knows my thoughts . John 2:24,25
 - 2. He has experienced some difficult things that I face.
 - a. Loneliness. Matthew 26:56
 - b. Temptation . Hebrews 4:15
 - c. Sorrow. John 11:33-36
- B. Loves me all the time . Proverbs 17:17; Matthew 11:28-30
- C. Is willing to help and serve me.
 - 1. He washed the disciples' feet. John 13:1-17
 - 2. He died for me. Matthew 20:26-28
 - 3. He talks to God for me. Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1
- D. Is responsible.
 - 1. He made some big promises . Matthew 5:17,18; Luke 19:10
 - 2. Even when it took His life , He kept His promises . Matthew 26:39; Matthew 26:53,54 ; Matthew 27:45-50
- E. Wants the best for me and challenges me to grow . Proverbs 27:5,6,17
 - 1. He wants me to follow Him and bring others to Him. Matthew 4:19
 - 2. He will help me when I do what I can in His service. Matthew 25:14-30
- F. Tells me the truth .
 - 1. Truth came from Jesus because Jesus is truth . John 1:17 ; John 14:6
 - 2. I learn Jesus' truth from His word . John 12:48; Matthew 24:35 ; 1 Corinthians 14:37
 - 3. About what it costs to be His follower . Luke 14:25-33
 - 4. He tells me all the truth. John 15:15
- G. Has compassion on me and is willing to forgive me.
 - 1. Woman taken in adultery . John 8:1-11
 - 2. Peter . Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 16:7
 - 3. Prodigal son. Luke 15:20-24

II. How Can I Be Jesus' Friend?

- A. By obeying Him. John 15:14 ; James 2:21-23; 1 John 5:3
- B. By helping others . Matthew 25:34-40
- C. By returning His acts and attitudes of friendship.