



A Friend Like
Jesus

- JOHN 15:13-17 -

Jesus:
The Ultimate
Friend

JOHN 15:15

“No longer do I call you
servants...; but I have
called you **FRIENDS**...”



Jesus: A Friend to
Everyone

MATTHEW 18:1-5; MARK 9:33-37

“And He sat down and called the twelve...

And He **called to Him a little child,**

and set him in the midst of them, ...and

taking him up into His arms...”

(Mk. 9:35a; Mt. 18:2; Mk. 9:36b).



The Powerful Effects of
Jesus's Friendship

ACTS 4:13

"Now when they beheld the boldness of Peter and John..., they *marvelled*; and they ***took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.***"



Jesus's Friendship Led People to Be More
Studious

MT. 12:3,5; 19:4; 22:31; MK. 12:10,26; LK. 6:3

"Have you not read...?"

MARK 11:15ff

"Is it not written...?"

MATT. 24:15ff

**"...whoever reads,
let him understand..."**



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MARK 4:33,34

"With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

He did not speak to them without a parable, but **privately to His own**

disciples He explained everything."



Jesus's Friendship Led People to Be More

Spiritually-Minded

MATTHEW 5:1-12—"Blessed are..."

The **Poor in Spirit**

Those Who **Mourn**

The **Meek**

Those Who **Hunger/Thirst for Righteousness**

The **Merciful**

The **Pure in Heart**

The **Peacemakers**



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Spiritually-Minded

JOHN 3:9-12

"Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?...

If I have told you *earthly* things and you do not believe, **how can you**

believe if I tell you heavenly things?"



Jesus's Friendship Led People to Be More
Sin-Conscious

MARK 9:43-48

"And if your *hand* causes you to sin, **cut it off...**

"And if your *foot* causes you to sin, **cut it off...**

"And if your *eye* causes you to sin, **tear it out...**

"It is better for you to enter *the kingdom of God* with *one eye* than with *two eyes* to be thrown into *hell*..."

Jesus's Friendship Led People to Be More
Sympathetic

JOHN 4:1-43

"Do you not say, 'There are *yet four months*, and *then* comes the harvest'?"
Look, I tell you, **lift up your eyes and see that the fields are white for harvest...**"



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Sympathetic

MATTHEW 15:32

"Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said,
**'I have compassion on the crowd because
they have been with me now three days
and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling
to send them away hungry, lest
they faint on the way.'**"



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Sympathetic

MARK 10:13,14

"And *they were bringing children to him* that he might touch them, and **the disciples rebuked them**. But when Jesus saw it, he was *indignant* and said to them, '**Let the children come to me; do not hinder them...**' And he took them up in His arms, and **blessed them...**"



Jesus's Friendship Led People to Be More
Service-Oriented

MARK 10:43-45

"But whoever would be **great** among you must be your **servant**, and **whoever would be first among you must be slave of all**. For **even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve...**"



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Service-Oriented

JOHN 13:1-20

*"Jesus...rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and **began to wash the disciples' feet** and to *wipe them with the towel* that was wrapped around Him" (3-5).*



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Service-Oriented

JOHN 13:1-20

"You call Me *Teacher* and *Lord*, and you are right, for so I am. **If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.** For I have given you an example, that **you also should do just as I have done to you**" (13,14).



Jesus's Friendship Led People to Be More

Selfless

LUKE 9:58

"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but **the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.**"



Jesus's Friendship Led People to Be More

Selfless

JOHN 4:31-34

"Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, '*Rabbi, eat.*' ...Jesus said to them,

'My food is to do the will of

HIM who sent Me and to

accomplish HIS work.'"



Jesus's Friendship Led People to Be More

Selfless

MARK 10:45

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and **to give His life a ransom for many."**



Jesus's Friendship Led People to Be More

Selfless

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

*"...Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, **did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men..."***



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Selfless

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

"...And being found in human form, **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death**, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name..."



Be a Friend Like
Jesus!

JOHN 15:13

"Greater love has no man than *this*, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

1 JOHN 3:16

"By *this* we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and **we ought to lay down our lives for our brethren."**



These things show us how we can be a friend like Jesus...

BUT...

How Can
I Be A

Friend

To
Jesus?

JOHN 15:14

**"You are My friends, IF you
do the things which I
command you."**

