



# *Jesus, Friend of Sinners*

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Introduction: The Bible tells us why Jesus came (**Luke 19:10**) and how He came to accomplish His mission (**Luke 7:34**). The meals presented by Luke's account show us that Jesus earned quite the reputation as a friend to sinners. After reading the gospel of Luke, you come to the gospel of John. John spends nearly his entire book showing his own relationship with Jesus so that others might believe and receive (**John 20:31**). John also shows his readers the evidence of "Jesus, Friend of Sinners" in **John 15:13-17**. Let's study together.....

Discussion:

**I. *We See His Friendship In His Sacrifice (v.13)***

- A. His sacrifice was Vicarious (**Isaiah 53:4-6**)
- B. His sacrifice was Vicious (**Luke 22:63-64**)
- C. His sacrifice was Voluntary (**John 10:17-18**)
- D. His sacrifice was Victorious (**1 Corinthians 15:20-22**)

**II. *We See His Friendship In His Sharing (v.14-15)***

- A. He shared His Lessons (**John 16:13**)
- B. He shared His Love (**Romans 5:8**)
- C. He shared His Life (**Galatians 2:20**)
- D. He shared His Legacy (**Ephesians 5:25-27**)

**III. *We See His Friendship In His Salvation (v.16)***

- A. He Confirms Us (**Matthew 7:13-23**)
- B. He Chooses Us (**Ephesians 2:1**)
- C. He Calls Us (**Ephesians 2:10**)
- D. He Comforts Us (**Philippians 4:6-7**)

**IV. *We See His Friendship In His Strategy (v.17)***

- A. He Did Not Come to Critique the World (**Matthew 7:1-5**)
- B. He Did Not Come to Condemn the World (**John 3:16-17**)
- C. He Did Not Come to Compromise With the World (**John 17:1-5**)
- D. He Did Not Come to Confuse the World (**I Corinthians 14:33**)

Conclusion: Jesus was a friend of sinners. Are you a friend of sinners? What are you doing to inspire the lost? What are you doing to encourage those who do not have a Savior? We need to live our faith in such a way that the whole world hears. Let's become more like Jesus!

**WORD OF THE DAY = "Friend"**