

What a Friend We Have in

*Jesus*



# WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

John 15:12-15



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- Think about your dearest friend and what a blessing he/she is to you?
- We often sing the song with the above title.
- Many in attendance today can probably rehearse every line.
- It is such an amazing blessing and relief to have Jesus as our friend.

# WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

- According to Strong's Ex. Concordance, the word friend in the Greek is "philos" and is closely associated with "phileo". They both denote a fondness or close personal association with someone.
- In the N.T., Jesus is mentioned in the context of being a friend in three passages.
  - Matt. 11:19, Luke 7:34, and John 15:13-15

# WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

- In the synoptic gospels of Matthew and Luke, Jesus discusses what others say about his friendship.
- In the gospel of John, Jesus talks about what a true friend will do.
- Let's observe what these verses reveal about our friend Jesus.
- *Jesus is a friend, who.....*

# WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

## *OFFERS FRIENDSHIP TO EVERYONE*

- There are some people who just do not want to be your friend.
- Jesus was accused of being a glutton and a drunkard because he extended friendship to tax collectors and sinners. (Luke 7:34).
- You don't have to be an a-lister. (Oscars are tonight). All the A-list people will be there.

# WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

- *Jesus is a friend, who.....*

***OFFERED HIS LIFE***

- John 15:13
- Romans 5:6-8
- It is a demonstration of how much he loves us.
- Someone willing to die for you so you can live.

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- *Jesus is a friend, who.....*

## **OFFERS CLOSENESS**

- John 15:15
- He desires an intimate relationship.
- He wants to share his advice, guidance, and special information.
- There is an openness and understanding.- Heb. 4:14-16.