

# Our Best Friend Is Jesus

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<sup>9</sup> “Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.”

<sup>10</sup> “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.”

<sup>11</sup> “These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.”

<sup>12</sup> “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.”

<sup>13</sup> “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”

<sup>14</sup> “You are My friends if you do what I command you.”

<sup>15</sup> “No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

<sup>16</sup> “You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”

<sup>17</sup> “This I command you, that you love one another.”

Many years ago, the Sunday school teachers in my church would teach preschool classes a little chorus that included the line “**My best friend is Jesus.**” As those children grew to adulthood, they naturally put aside juvenile songs like this one. But sadly, they also frequently seemed to abandon the idea of Jesus being a friend.

As believers learn more about God, they rightly elevate Him to be the Lord of their life and acknowledge Him as sovereign Ruler over all the earth. It is easier to think of one so high and mighty as Creator, Savior, and Lord than to “*lower*” Him to the position of a friend. But Jesus makes a point of telling His disciples that He is both a transcendent deity—the Son of God—and their companion ([John 15:15](#)).

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His offer of friendship extends to modern disciples as well. Like the original 12 followers, we are privileged to say that Christ laid down His life for us in a supreme act of love and devotion ([John 15:13](#)).

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What’s more, His Spirit reveals the truth of Scripture to our heart, so we can learn more about God and His ways. In other words, Jesus has made known to us the things He heard from His Father. A man doesn’t tell secrets to servants; he tells them to his friends ([John 15:15](#)).

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Teaching children to sing of their friendship with Jesus is a wise idea. But I wonder when some grown believers will learn to sing of that special relationship again. May we never become so religious, so pious, or so full of our own maturity that we cannot say, **“My best friend is Jesus Christ.”**