

# **Jesus Is The Friend The Sufferer Needs**

## **Proverbs 17:17; 18:24**

### **I. Men and Women Need Friends.**

- A. To plead their case when slandered.
- B. To rebuke them when wrong.
- C. To rejoice them when all is well.
- D. To weep with them when they are in sorrow.
- E. To praise and encourage them at times.
- F. To stick with them through “thick and thin.”

### **II. Jesus is the Friend the Sufferer Needs Because He Understands.**

- A. He understands when one is forsaken by friends (Matt. 26:31-32).
- B. He understands when one is misunderstood (Mk. 3:21).
- C. He understands when one is rejected by family (Jn. 7:3-5).
- D. He understands when men can only cry “Lord, help me.”

### **III. Jesus is the Friend the Sufferer Need Because He Wants to Help.**

- A. He desires to help and it is seen in many ways
  - 1. He became poor that we might be rich (II Cor. 8:9).
  - 2. He wanted to help Jerusalem (Matt. 23:37).
  - 3. He begs to help us today (Matt. 11:28, 30).
- B. Jesus will help those in need if they will let him.
  - 1. You have not because you ask not (Jas. 4:4)
  - 2. Ask and God will give what is best for us (Matt. 7:7-11).
  - 3. God will freely give us all things (Rom. 8:31-32).
  - 4. God will give peace of mind under the most adverse circumstances.

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