

LISTENING GUIDE

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We Have A Friend In Jesus

John 15:12-17

It has been said that good friends are hard to find. This is why our Scripture passage today is so encouraging as it reveals that *the abiding life* finds a friend in Jesus. Let's explore the distinguishing marks of Jesus' friends.

Notice	
I. Friends of Jesus	Sacrificially (vv.12-13, 17)
• See Romans 5:8	
II. Friends of Jesus	Submissively (vv.14-15)
• Verse 14 directly links <i>frien</i>	ndship with Christ with obedience to His command to love
• What privileged access we Jesus!	have to know the motives, plans, and purposes of our Lord
III. Friends of Jesus are	Sovereignly (v.16)
• Will <i>you</i> choose His friends	ship?

• For biblical evidence of our *free will* see *Matthew 7:13-14; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 13:34; Romans 10:9-10, 13; Revelation 3:20*