

## ***“Jesus: Friend of Sinners”***

*John 15:9-17*

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*“No longer do I call you slaves...  
but I call you friends” (15:15)*

### **1. Friends of Jesus continue to love believers**

*“This is My commandment, that you love one another,  
just as I loved you” (15:12)*

*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one  
another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one  
another. By this all men will know that you are My disci-  
ples, if you have love for one another.” (13:34-35)*

*“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also  
who believe in Me through their word; that they may all  
be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that  
they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe  
that You sent Me.” (17:20-21)*

*“let us do good to all men, and especially to those who  
are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10)*

### **2. Friends of Jesus continue to obey truth**

*“You are My friends, if you do what I com-  
mand” (15:14)*

*“I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children  
walking in the truth (3 John 4)*

*“this is love, that we walk according to His command-  
ments (2 John 6)*

*“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter  
the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My  
Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me  
on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your  
name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your  
name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare  
to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU  
WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS’ ” (Matthew 7:21-23)*

*“prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely  
hearers who delude themselves” (James 1:22)*

### 3. Friends of Jesus continue to witness to the world

*“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain” (15:16)*

*“Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this case the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.” (John 4:35-38)*

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)*

*“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*

*“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.’ ” (Mark 16:15)*