

Title: Being a Friend to Jesus

Text: Mark 2:13-17; Mark 14:3-9, 32-42; John 15:9-17, 19:25-27

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. What qualities describe a person who is a good friend?
2. Thinking of your “best” friend, what do you most appreciate about that person?
3. What are some expectations or responsibilities of friendship?
4. How do you react to the notion of being a friend of God?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 15:9-17 several times. Given that this passage takes place several years after Jesus’ disciples had begun to follow Jesus, what kind of relationship have they cultivated with him? Does Jesus’ words seem to make his friendship with them conditional?
2. Looking at the interactions in Mark 14:3-9 and 14:32-42, how might Jesus experience the value and benefits of friendship? What might be examples of your “alabaster jar”? How do we “watch and pray” for Jesus today?
3. Why would Jesus even need us to be a good friend to him? Isn’t he God?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. How can you further develop your friendship with Jesus? Since he is not physically here with you, what might this look like in your daily activities?
2. Friendship with Jesus means being family members with others whom Jesus has called his friend. Who are some “family members” whom you may struggle to exhibit friendship with? How can we improve our relationship with these people?