



# **What A Friend**

**Proverbs 17:17.**

**A friend loves at all times,  
And a brother is born for adversity.**

# A Friend That Connects Than A Brother.

## John 11:1-3

Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village where Mary and her sister Martha lived.

<sup>2</sup> It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

<sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent *word* to Him, saying, “Lord, he [our brother and Your friend] whom You love is sick.”

## Proverbs 18:24 (GNT)

Some friendships do not last, but some friends are more loyal than brothers.

# A friend That Listens And Have Answers

## John 11:4-6 (AMP)

When Jesus heard this, He said, “This sickness will not end in death; but [on the contrary it is] for the glory *and* honor of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.”

<sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved *and* was concerned about Martha and her sister and Lazarus [and considered them dear friends].

<sup>6</sup> So [even] when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed in the same place two more days.

## Psalms 50:15 (NKJV)

15. Call upon Me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

# A Friend, Trusted Reliable, And Reassuring.

## John 11:21-27 (AMP)

21 Then Martha said to Jesus, “Lord if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 Even now, I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give to You.”

23 Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise [from the dead].”

24 Martha replied, “I know that he will rise [from the dead] in the resurrection on the last day.”

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in (adheres to, trusts in, relies on) Me [as Savior] will live even if he dies;

26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me [as Savior] will never die. Do you believe this?”

27 She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed and continue to believe that You are the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the Son of God, He who was [destined and promised] to come into the world [and it is for You that the world has waited]

## Proverbs 3:5,6 (GNT).

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know.

6 Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.

# **A Friend that Knows Our Weaknesses, Yet He Calls Us Friend.**

## **John 11:11-15 (GNT)**

11 Jesus said this and then added, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I will go and wake him up.”

12 The disciples answered, “If he is asleep, Lord, he will get well.”

13 Jesus meant that Lazarus had died, but they thought he meant natural sleep.

14 So Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, 15 but for your sake, I am glad that I was not with him so that you will believe. Let us go to him.”

## **Hebrews 4:14-16 (MSG).**

14-16 Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let’s not let it slip through our fingers. We don’t have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He’s been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let’s walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help.

# Friend That Comforts And Is Touched By Our Grief.

According to the M. Henry's Commt., Martha and Mary were almost swallowed up with sorrow for the death of their brother, which is intimated where it is said that many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary to comfort them.

## John 11:32-36 (GNT)

Mary arrived where Jesus was, and as soon as she saw him, she fell at his feet. "Lord," she said, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died!"

33 Jesus saw her weeping, and he saw how the people with her were weeping also; his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved. 34 "Where have you buried him?" he asked them. "Come and see, Lord," they answered.

35 Jesus wept. 36 "See how much he loved him!" the people said.

## Isaiah 53:4,5 (AMP)

But [in fact] He has borne our griefs, And He has carried our sorrows *and* pains;  
Yet we [ignorantly] assumed that He was stricken, Struck down by God and degraded *and* humiliated [by Him].

<sup>5</sup> But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our wickedness [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing]; The punishment [required] for our well-being *fell* on Him,  
And by His stripes (wounds) we are healed.

# A Friend That Never stop Calling

## Matthew 11:28-30

28 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavily burdened [by religious rituals that provide no peace], and I will give you rest [refreshing your souls with salvation].

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me [following Me as My disciple], for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest (renewal, blessed quiet) for your souls.

30 For My yoke is easy [to bear] and My burden is light.”

## Isaiah 55:1-2 (GNT)

The LORD says,

“Come, everyone who is thirsty—here is water!  
Come, you that have no money—buy grain and eat!  
Come! Buy wine and milk—it will cost you nothing!

2 Why spend money on what does not satisfy? Why spend your wages and still be hungry? Listen to me and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all.

# **What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

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