



LAKESIDE

BAPTIST CHURCH

Friends of Jesus

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John 15:12-27

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Three Truths About Friendship with Jesus:

1. We have a friend who _____ us.

- Jesus gave the ultimate _____ for us.
- Jesus desires an _____ fellowship with us.

2. We will have enemies who _____ us.

- They will hate us because they hate Christ.
- They will persecute us because they persecuted Christ.

What's happening right now...

- 1 in 7 Christians worldwide live in severe persecution.
- 5,621 Christians died for their faith in 2022. Over 5,000 of those were in Nigeria.
- The number of Christians being martyred has risen 50% in the last five years.
- It's estimated that North Korea presently has over 50,000 believers in prison.

Source: [opendoorsus.org](https://www.opendoorsus.org)

3. We have a helper who _____ us.

Are you a friend of Jesus?

Have you come to personal _____ in Jesus Christ? v. 16, 19

Are you actively sacrificing in _____ with other Christians? v. 12-13, 17

Are you living with a mindset of _____ to Christ?
v. 14

*“Obedience is not what **MAKES** them friends. Obedience is what characterizes friends.” - D.A. Carson*

Are you seeking to hear the Lord’s _____? v. 15

Are you experiencing _____ from the world? v. 18-25

Are you living out your _____? v. 16, 27

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