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TITLE: The Best Friend

TEXT: John 11:1-6, 19-44

INTRODUCTION

1. Wherever we go we find that people are lonely – looking for a true, real friend.

2. Proverbs 18:24 speaks of “a friend who sticks closer than a brother”

PROPOSITION

1, May I suggest to you that Jesus is the best friend we can have

INTERROGATIVE STATEMENT

What characteristics does He possess which qualify Him to be the best friend we can have?;

TRANSITION STATEMENT:

I would like to share with you 3 characteristics seen in our text that qualify Him to be the best friend we can have

~~I) Jesus is indeed both a LOVING and an UNDERSTANDING friend,~~ Text John 11:3-5

~~I) Jesus is a Loving Friend~~

~~a. Jesus is an Understanding Friend~~ Text John 11:3-5

~~Who nevertheless allows affliction to befall us (This should be sub-point (b.))~~

b. Who loves each one of us individually Text John 11:3

~~This should be sub-point (a.)~~

TRANSITIONAL STATEMENT:

~~We have seen that Jesus truly possesses the qualifications to be the best friend we can have, but an important question now faces us: Is He our Friend~~

~~How wonderful to have a LOVING friend like Jesus, but He is more than that.~~

~~II) Who performs His miracles when we meet His conditions~~ Text John 11:21-26, 32

~~JESUS IS AN UNDERSTANDING FRIEND~~

~~a. Who nevertheless allows affliction to befall us~~ Text John 11:21-26, 32

~~Who understands our deepest woes~~

b. Who can do miraculous things Text John 11:33-36

~~Who sympathizes in our deepest sorrows~~

TRANSITIONAL STATEMENT: The Best Friend

~~Jesus is indeed both a LOVING and an UNDERSTANDING friend, but there would be something greatly lacking if these were the only characteristics Jesus possesses as a friend. What we need is a friend who is not just loving and understanding. As we shall now learn from verses 37-44, we see that:~~

III) Jesus is a Mighty Friend Text John 11:37-44

a. Who understands our deepest woes Text John 11:37
Who can do miraculous things

b. Who sympathizes in our deepest sorrows Text John 11:38-44
Who performs His miracles when we meet His conditions

TRANSITIONAL STATEMENT: ??????????????

We have seen that Jesus truly possesses the qualifications to be the best friend we can have, but an important question now faces us: Is He our Friend?

CONCLUSION:

Are you willing to become friends with Jesus? Are you willing to become friends with someone who loves you uniquely; who is understanding and sympathetic to your needs? Are you looking for a mighty friend who can do the impossible? Jesus Christ is that friend. Come and receive this friend in your life today.