

Mark 10:
13–16.
(He greatly
loved children.)

Characteristics Of Christ

John 13:3–5.
(He was willing to serve, as
evidenced by washing the feet
of the Apostles.)

3 Nephi 17:5–7. (He remained
with the Nephites to heal their
sick, lame, and blind.)

John 4:5–14. (He was friendly
with the Samaritans, who were
looked down upon.)

Luke 15:11–32.
(He was forgiving and taught
others to be forgiving in the par-
able of the prodigal son.)

Matthew 18:11–14. (He cared
for each person individually as
taught in the parable of the lost
sheep.)

Luke 7:36–50.
(He loved even the sinner.)

Hard Times for Christ

One important part of friendship is sharing experiences and problems with someone who understands and really cares. Christ experienced problems and also helped others with their problems.

How do these examples show us that Jesus can understand and help us?

Why would you like Christ to be one of your close friends?

1. Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. ([Mark 6:1-6.](#))
2. He was talked about because he made friends with people who were not popular. (The story of Zacchaeus; [Luke 19:1-10.](#))
3. He was tempted. ([Matthew 4:1-11.](#))
4. As he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, his Apostles fell asleep. ([Matthew 26:36-46.](#))
5. Peter denied knowing him three times. ([Matthew 26:69-75.](#))