



Friends

John 15:15

- ✦ Friend—*philos*—a term of endearment, denoting loved, dear, or friendly
- ✦ Friend—*betairos*—a comrade, companion, partner
- ✦ Friend—*hoi para autou*—the ones beside him
- ✦ John 15:14; 15:15; Matt 20:9–14; 22:12; 26:49–50; Mark 3:20–21

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his **friends**.

—John 15:13

Ye are my **friends**, if ye do whatsoever I
command you.

—John 15:14

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you **friends**; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

—John 15:15

And when they came that *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received *it*, they murmured against the goodman of the house, Saying, These last have wrought *but* one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, **Friend**, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take *that* thine *is*, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. (Matt 20:9-14)

And he saith unto him, **Friend**, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?
And he was speechless.

-Matt 22:12

And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, **Friend**, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

-Matt 26:49-50

And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. And when his **friends** heard *of it*, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

—Mark 3:20-21

His friends—Hoi par' autou, literally, “those from beside Him.” It may indicate close associates of Jesus, or it could refer to relatives.

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- ✦ Friend—*betairos*—a comrade, companion, partner, associate—Matt 20:13; 22:12; 26:50
- ✦ Friend—*hoi para autou*—the ones beside him—Mark 3:21

The servant who does the best he can for his Master, is admitted to familiar intercourse with the One whose commands he loves to obey. In the faithful discharge of duty we may become one with Christ, for those who are obeying God's commands may speak to Him freely. The one who talks most familiarly with his divine Leader has the most exalted conception of His greatness, and is the most obedient to His commands. (*15LtMs*, Ms 96, 1900, par. 2)

Friend of God

- ✦ James 2:23—philos—the beloved
- ✦ 2 Chronicles 20:7—*'ōhab*
- ✦ Deuteronomy 6:5—*'ahab*
- ✦ Isaiah 41:8—*'ahab*—love (Gen 27:9; Gen 37:3)
- ✦ Proverbs 8:36—*'ahab*
- ✦ Genesis 18:19—command—to instruct, order, charge; keep—watch, preserve
- ✦ Jeremiah 31:3—*'ahăbâ*
- ✦ 1 Corinthians 13