

# Jesus CHRIST:

A Friend of Sinners



- The Bible teaches that we have all sinned against God. We all stand \_\_\_\_\_ of breaking God's law.
- Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_. So how is Jesus our friend?

## Jesus is our friend:

### First, because He tells us the truth about our \_\_\_\_\_ condition

- Friends are honest, even when it \_\_\_\_\_.
- *"Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."* **Proverbs 27:5-6**
- Jesus confronted people's sin and told them they needed to \_\_\_\_\_ to God, or face dreadful consequences.
- *"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."* **Luke 13:3**
- Jesus is our friend because He loves us enough to tell us that our \_\_\_\_\_ is leading us down a path of eternal destruction.

### Second, because He sacrificed to \_\_\_\_\_ us from our lost condition

- We all have a massive sin debt, and the payment is eternal \_\_\_\_\_.
- *"For the wages of sin is death..."* **Romans 6:23a**
- What was God's plan to rescue sinners from eternal death? Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for us!
- *"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly... But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*  
**Romans 5:6, 8**
- *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."* **John 15:13**
- Jesus has paid the sin debt you owe, but you must choose to either \_\_\_\_\_ it or refuse it.