

Friendship

Andrew Rublev's Holy Trinity, 1425.

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I Have Called You Friends: Jesus as friend and model

1. Jesus' Friendship with the Father
2. Jesus Befriends His Disciples
3. Jesus Befriends the 'Wrong' (Right!) People
4. Jesus Befriends Us and Reveals the Father to Us, in the Complexity, Joy, and Grief of Life.
5. A Community of Spiritual Friendships

1. Jesus' Friendship with the Father

Luke 4:42

Luke 5:16

Luke 6:12

Spirit: Luke 4:14, 18



2. Jesus befriends his disciples and he shows them the Father.



3. Jesus Befriends all the 'Wrong' (Right!) People.

Map of Persons and Purity—J. Neyrey

1. Dead Israelites: concern over Jesus' dead body (John 19:31);
2. Morally unclean Israelites: tax collectors & sinners (Luke 15:1-2; Matt 9:10-13);
3. Bodily unclean Israelites: lepers (Mark 1:40-45; Luke 17:11-14), poor, lame, maimed, blind (Luke 14:13; see Lev 21:18-21), menstruants (Mark 5:24-34);
4. Unobservant Israelites: Peter and John (Acts 4:13), Jesus (John 7:15, 49);
5. Observant Israelites: the rich young man (Mark 10:17-22), Joseph of Arimathea (Luke 23:50-51);
6. Pharisees (Mark 7:1-5; Luke 11:15-17);
7. Scribes and Priests (Luke 11:45-52);

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5. A Community of Spiritual Friendships

Being a Christian is not simply believing in Jesus, but Christ taking shape and form in us (Galatians 4: 19). We are to take on the form of Christ, together.

St. John of the Cross: “pregnant with the Holy”

If you want

the virgin will come walking down the road
pregnant with the holy,

and say,

‘I need shelter for the night,
please take me inside your heart,