

The Power of Divine Friendship

John 5

Prior to the verses below, Jesus healed one man at a pool that had “a great multitude of sick people” around.
(John 5:1-8)

¹⁹...“Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰For the Father **loves** the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.”

“**loves**” Greek φιλεω / *phileo*:
“to be a friend to; to be fond of; to kiss”

Jesus’ intimate friendship with the Father ‘enabled’ Him to see and hear what the Father was doing and revealing – including healings, miracles, and knowledge about people.

Divine Friendship Leads to Divine Partnership

How did Jesus ‘cultivate’ this friendship – and by extension, how can we?

(see John 14:12)

Jesus Engaged in Continuous Communion with the Father

John 5:19-20 (see above)

John 8:16

And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me.

John 8:28-29

Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. [29] And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”

John 16:32

Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

Jesus Engaged in Isolated Intimacy with the Father

Matthew 14:22-23

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. [23] And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

Mark 1:35

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

Luke 5:15-16

However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. [16] So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

Luke 6:12

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.