

KEY: When Jesus saw a **need** He wanted to reach out and touch people.

KEY: The only thing that kept Him on the Cross was His **Love** for people!

VI. Jesus Offered People Something No one Else Could Offer Them

John 6: 66 – 69

⁶⁶From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Jesus Offers You:

1. **Peace** the "world" cannot give you;
2. **Salvation** ... Eternal Life.

Conclusion:

Church Growth, Inc., surveyed some 18,000 people to learn how they came to Christ and became involved in the church. The best method proved to be friendship.

Walk-ins	4 – 6%
Influenced by a minister	6 – 8 %
Likes church program	2 – 4 %
Responded to visitation	1 – 2 %
Evangelistic crusade of TV Program	.001%
Influence of friends and/or relatives	70 – 90%

Luke 19:10

Jesus said ... "For the Son of Man Came to Seek and to Save what was lost."

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Sermon Outline

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Message Title: "Jesus a Friend Many Seek"

John 12: 20 – 22

²⁰Now there were some Greeks among those who sent up to worship at the Feast. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir, they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²²Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Introduction:

Wherever Jesus walked or whatever He did ... it seems that He attracted people around Him. He was a walking magnet, just drawing people to himself.

Six Reasons Why Jesus Attracted People

I. Jesus was a Man of Action not Theory.

KEY:

He wasn't one to just tell you that He **cared**, but He was one to **show** you that He cared.

Matthew 17: 1 – 11 Jesus is Transfigured on the Mountain.

Note: The transfiguration was a vision, a brief glimpse of the true story of the King – Jesus . This was a special revelation of Jesus’ divinity to three of his disciples, and it was God’s divine affirmation of **everything Jesus had done and was about to do.**

KEY: The Transfiguration was a foretaste of heaven; the participants were doing something worth noting. **Talking together**

KEY: **Friendship** is key, so make time and opportunities to talk with others.

KEY: Jesus was going to take those meaningful moments of worship on the mountain because He wanted them to be transformed into time of purposeful **Action.**

Key: Jesus was always transferring that which we **think** or is philosophical into meaningful **Action.**

KEY: In a world that promises so much yet produces so very little .. Jesus steps into the picture and He not only **Promises** but He **Delivers!**

II. He Was A Friend To Everyone

Luke 15: 1 – 7; Jesus is with Tax Collectors and Sinners.

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and teachers of the law muttered, “**This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.**” ³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he **calls his friends and neighbors** together and says, ‘**Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.**’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.’

KEY: **People knew when you came to Jesus, you were going to be Accepted.**

III. He Had Something Important To Say

KEY: **People listened to Jesus because He spoke about matters of**

- **Significance**
- **Death**
- **Life**
- **Eternity**
- **God’s Truth**
- **Practical Positive Things**

IV. He Identified with the **Common Man.**

KEY: Jesus **understands** us and loves all of mankind!

V. He Attracted Many Around Him Because of His **Compassion** for People.

Matthew 9: 35 – 36

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds he **had compassion on them**, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.