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Five Best Friends

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A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL TIMES, AND A BROTHER IS BORN FOR ADVERSITY. (PROVERBS 17:17)

A MAN WHO HAS FRIENDS MUST HIMSELF BE FRIENDLY, BUT THERE IS A FRIEND WHO STICKS CLOSER THAN A BROTHER. (PROVERBS 18:24)

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OINTMENT AND PERFUME DELIGHT THE HEART, AND THE SWEETNESS OF A MAN'S FRIEND GIVES DELIGHT BY HEARTY COUNSEL. DO NOT FORSAKE YOUR OWN FRIEND OR YOUR FATHER'S FRIEND, NOR GO TO YOUR BROTHER'S HOUSE IN THE DAY OF YOUR CALAMITY; BETTER IS A NEIGHBOR NEARBY THAN A BROTHER FAR AWAY. (PROVERBS 27:9-10)

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As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

(Proverbs 27:17)

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Matthew 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26 They had concern for their friend They took drastic measures for their friend They saved their friends life the rest of the story? Their friendship grow? Did the man change his life when Jesus forgave his sins? WHAT IS THE REST OF THEIR STORY?

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Matthew 27:15-26; Makr 15:6-15 Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-40 Notorious prisoner A rebel who tried to overthrow Rome Committed murder in the insurrection A robber

WHAT IS THE REST OF HIS STORY?

 Those raised after Jesus Matthew 27:45-53; Mark 15:38 Luke 23:44-46 Darkness for three hours Veil of the temple rent top to bottom Earthquake – graves opened up AFTER the resurrection of Jesus people came out of the tombs and went into Jerusalem

WHAT IS THE REST OF THEIR STORY?

 The Ethiopian Acts 8:26-39 2,000 miles home He went on his way rejoicing How did his studies develop? What did he do when he got home? How many people did he convert to Christ and baptize them?

WHAT IS THE REST OF HIS STORY?

AND TRULY JESUS DID MANY OTHER SIGNS IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS DISCIPLES, WHICH ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK; BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.

(JOHN 20:30-31)

• The Man With A Terrible Past Mark 5:1-20

> A man with an unclean spirit (LEGION; many) Lived in the tombs, naked, scared, terrified Lived like a wild animal Bound with chains; broke chains and shackles Night and day crying out Cutting himself with sharp stones

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> JESUS HEALED HIM He was able to sit He was clothed He was in his right mind

When Jesus came into his life his life changed dramatically

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> "GO HOME TO YOUR FRIENDS, AND TELL THEM WHAT GREAT THINGS THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU, AND HOW HE HAS HAD COMPASSION ON YOU."

AND NOW YOU KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY







Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul. (Psalm 66:16)