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John chapter 14 verses 18 and 23  
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Have you ever felt lonely?

I don't mean isolation, but a feeling that no one really cares about you.

You walk on a crowded street but you feel ignored and unknown.

You go to a party where friends are already gathered; they are laughing and joking and you feel left out. You feel uncomfortable because you don't fit in.

Or perhaps you've supported an unpopular cause and been rejected for it.

*We can handle feelings of loneliness if we have a few friends or a special person whom we can talk to. If we can't speak to anyone, the problem becomes more serious. Many people search for a close friend but never find one. And there are those who've experienced real friendship, but have been disappointed through unfaithfulness, divorce or bereavement.*

*All of us need a companion to confide in.  
But is there anyone who really cares?*

*The problem calls for someone beyond ourselves. We don't need to search far for the person who does care: Jesus Christ. When we know Him, we need never feel unwanted or rejected again. He promised His followers, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you". He's the only one who can truly satisfy our need for friendship and love. He also said, "If anyone loves me ... My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him". Jesus is "a friend who sticks closer than a brother", one who will never leave us.*

*The love of Christ for us was so great that He was prepared to die for us. Why did He have to die? The Bible tells us that even our best attempts to lead a good life are like "filthy rags". For God is just and holy and must punish wrong. But Jesus took our punishment when He was crucified and died for us. He has done everything to restore us to a right relationship with God. He asks us to turn away from our self-centred life, and to trust that His death has removed the problem of our sin.*

Don't stay as one of the lonely people - still searching.

God offers you His forgiveness and friendship.

Why not choose Jesus Christ as your Saviour and friend today?