

Jeremiah

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- Jeremiah was a prophet to the southern kingdom of Judah
- His book is filled with much gloom and foreboding

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- Jeremiah was often called “the weeping prophet”
- In addition to being given a tough ministry, God tells him he CANNOT marry (16:1`,2)

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He was lonely & rejected his whole life!

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- **Lonely**
 - 1 a : being without company
b : cut off from others
 - 2 : not frequented by human beings
 - 3 : sad from being alone
 - 4 : producing a feeling of bleakness or desolation

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- **Rejected**
 - 1 : a rejected person or thing;
especially : one rejected as not wanted, unsatisfactory, or not fulfilling standard requirements

Jesus

Jesus

➤ Forsaken by Friends Matthew 26

47 And even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests and elders of the people.

Jesus

➤ Forsaken by Friends cont.

48 The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss."

Jesus

➤ Forsaken by Friends cont.

49 So Judas came straight to Jesus. "Greetings, Rabbi!" he exclaimed and gave him the kiss. 50 Jesus said, "My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for." Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

Jesus

➤ Forsaken by Friends cont.

51 But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.

52 "Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those who use the sword will die by the sword."

Jesus

➤ Forsaken by Friends cont.

53 Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly?

54 But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?"

Jesus

➤ Forsaken by Friends cont.

55 Then Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I some dangerous revolutionary, that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? Why didn’t you arrest me in the Temple? I was there teaching every day.

Jesus

➤ Forsaken by Friends cont.

56 But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures.” **At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled.**

Jesus

➤ Forsaken by Friends cont.

- Jesus’ ultimate betrayal was by one of his closest companions
- At a very difficult time, the rest of Jesus’ disciples deserted Him also
- Jesus knows rejection!

Jesus

➤ Forsaken by the Father

Matthew 27:46

At about three o’clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” which means “My God, my God, why have you **forsaken** Me?”

Jesus

➤ Forsaken by the Father cont.

- To forsake, abandon, leave in straits, or helpless
- Jesus knows what it is like to be alone!

Us

Hebrews 13:5

5 Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, **I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]**

It's time to move on!