

## **True friends of Jesus**

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**Jesus tries his friends**

**Holiness of life does not exempt us from suffering.**

**Through hardships we climb the skies**

**Crosses are part of Christian Life.**

It is reported that St. Theresa of Avila, the great Spanish mystic, one day at her prayer time was bewailing: : "Why, do you, Dear Jesus, send me so many sufferings, trials and tribulations? Why do you treat me like this?"

Jesus replied to her: "My dear, this is the way a treat my friends"

Lovingly she retorted, "Yes, Jesus, now understand why you have so many!"