

# Lord Jesus, Friend of Women

by Betsy Phillips Fisher

Lord Jesus, friend of women,  
We turn to you today;  
We long for health and wholeness  
And love to light our way.  
The woman of Samaria  
Was not cast off by you,  
But gained new life unending.  
Give us that new life, too!

You healed the stricken woman,  
Raised Jairus' girl to life,  
Made sinful men stop stoning,  
Bid each man love his wife.  
The perfumed oil you cherished,  
The marriage feast you shared;  
Like us, you wept in sorrow,  
And children knew you cared.

Like Martha, Lord, we're burdened,  
With household chores confined,  
But we would be like Mary  
And serve you with the mind.  
O living Christ, to women  
That first glad Easter day  
You came in risen glory;  
So come to us, we pray.

O Lord, through all the ages  
You've tried to set us free.  
With women saints, and prophets  
You've shared your ministry.  
From ancient forms now free us,  
Show us new ways to live,  
New ways to love your people  
And share the life you give.

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