

Things God Understands

Our Experiences	Jesus' Experiences
Average appearance; ordinary	"There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him." (Isaiah 53:2 NLT)
Rejection, Grief	"He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief." (Isaiah 53:3 NLT)
Treated badly and unfairly; oppressed	"He was oppressed and treated harshly." (Isaiah 53:7 NLT)
Poor family	"So they offered a sacrifice according to what was required in the law of the Lord—'either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.'" <i>(This was an offering given by the poor.</i> Luke 2:24 NLT)
Single parent home; blue collar job	"He's just the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." <i>(Apparently Mary's husband, Joseph, died while Jesus was still living at home.</i> Mark 6:3 NLT)
Demanding life	"Then Jesus said, "Let's get away from the crowds for a while and rest." There were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat." (Luke 6:31 NLT)
Misunderstood by family	"When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him home with them. 'He's out of his mind,' they said." (Mark 3:21 NLT)
Falsely accused	<p>"And I, the Son of Man, feast and drink, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of the worst sort of sinners!'" (Matthew 11:15 NLT)</p> <p>"Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find witnesses who would lie about Jesus, so they could put him to death." (Matt. 26:59 NLT)</p>
Unreliable friends	"Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, 'Couldn't you stay awake and watch with me even one hour?'" (Matthew 26:40 NLT)

Abandonment	“Around mid-afternoon Jesus groaned out of the depths, crying loudly, <i>“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?”</i> which means, ‘My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?’” (Matthew 27:46 The Message)
Range of emotions; temptations	<i>“Jesus was angry enough to purge the temple, hungry enough to eat raw grain, distraught enough to weep in public, fun loving enough to be called a drunkard, winsome enough to attract kids, weary enough to sleep in a storm-bounced boat, poor enough to sleep on dirt and borrow a coin for a sermon illustration, radical enough to get kicked out of town, responsible enough to care for his mother, tempted enough to know the smell of Satan, and fearful enough to sweat blood.”</i> (Max Lucado, <i>Next Door Savior</i>)