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# Daily Devotional - Jesus, Our Rock

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#### Malachi 3:6

People will sometimes say, "The only constant is change." Fortunately, this is not true. There is One who never changes: Jesus Christ always remains the same. What a comforting truth! But it's hard to find refuge in someone we don't know well. So let's explore the Lord's actions to learn more about His nature.

• Jesus forgave others. He showed mercy, not judgment, to those who recognized their sin. For example, Jesus had compassion on the woman caught in adultery and stopped her death penalty with a few wise words. Then, instead of pronouncing condemnation, He said that her sins were forgiven (John 8:1-11).

• Jesus comforted the hurting. He visited Mary and Martha, who were mourning the loss of their brother Lazarus (John 11:1-45).

• Jesus provided for needs. After spending three days healing all kinds of disabilities, He was concerned that the large crowd hadn't eaten. He could have sent all 4,000 away to find their own food, but He provided more than enough to satisfy their hunger (Mark 8:1-9).

• Jesus interceded for His disciples. Just before He was crucified, He asked the Father to protect and sanctify His followers, which includes you and me (John 17:15, 17, 19-20).

• Jesus strengthened believers and gave them power to do God's work. In Acts 1:8, the Lord sent His disciples out to share the gospel, assuring them, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

Jesus still forgives, still comforts, still provides, still intercedes, and still empowers. What a blessing that we can find refuge in our amazing Lord!

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