

The Family of Jesus (1) (Life-Changing Bible Study Series)

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America's favorite inspirational novelist offers a fictional view of six of the family members of Jesus, all anchored by Scriptural truth, creating a life-changing and unprecedented emotional connection to the Bible.

Through *The Family of Jesus*, readers will develop an emotional connection to the family members of Jesus, learning about their lives and falling in love with Scripture along the way. Bible studies and devotionals abound, and in churches everywhere people gather to seek a deeper understanding of God's word and its application to their lives. But too often these studies engage only the analytic approach to Bible learning.

In *The Family of Jesus*, #1 New York Times bestselling novelist Karen Kingsbury will make you laugh, cry, and ultimately care more deeply about the Bible by helping you grasp the truths in Scripture not just with your mind, but with your heart. The characters in these short stories were among those closest to Jesus—Mary, Joseph, Jesus' brother James, John the Baptist, Zechariah, and Elizabeth. Each has a compelling tale to tell. Kingsbury intersperses fictional, emotionally gripping details anchored in Scripture with historical and theological insights and questions that will guide soul-searching and reflection.

The Family of Jesus not only provides a deeper understanding of the relatives of our Savior, but also helps readers acquire tools that will draw them closer to Christ, to the Scriptures, and to each other.

Karen Kingsbury, #1 New York Times bestselling novelist, is America's favorite inspirational storyteller, with more than twenty-five million copies of her award-winning books in print. Her last dozen titles have topped bestseller lists and many of her novels are under development as major motion pictures. Her Baxter Family books are being developed into a TV series slated to debut soon. Karen is also an adjunct professor of writing at Liberty University. She and her husband, Donald, live in Tennessee near four of their adult children. "Kingsbury has produced a new riveting page-turner of relatable characters and situations and the best ways to hang on to our faith in a world that no longer sees its value.", CBA Retailers + Resources

"Inspirational fiction superstar Kingsbury considers the cost of fame [in] a tale that is sure to cause tears", Publishers Weekly

"Bestselling author Kingsbury (*The Chance*, 2013) drives straight to the heart of her characters as always in this excellent tale of desire and faith, digging beneath the surface of her plot to fuel an emotionally driven story set within the exciting world of reality TV.", Booklist

"Kingsbury knows how to get down to business; readers start worrying from the opening sentence about 15-year-old Ellie Tucker and her family: 'Her mom didn't come home for dinner, the third time that week.' . . . The action clips along, and readers root for the main characters. . . . the author pours a fervent message about love and reconciliation into a novel that makes the lesson of hope go down much more easily than it would via sermon.", Publishers Weekly

"In *The Chance*, Kingsbury (*The Bridge*, 2012) delivers another excellent novel filled with heart, adventure, and second chances. . . . Kingsbury is one of the most dependable names in inspirational fiction, and *The Chance* may be her best yet. She infuses such real emotion into her characters, readers will find themselves in tears multiple times throughout the novel. A beautiful balance of human fragility and the power of God's grace makes this is a must-read.", Booklist

Reminiscent of Nicholas Spark's *The Notebook* and Richard Paul Evan's *The Walk*, Kingsbury's (*Coming Home*) latest novel offers her characters forgiveness and love without an expiration date. Her many fans, and readers who like to escape their daily cares with a gentle Christian romance with elements of women's fiction, will enjoy the reappearances of Molly and Ryan, familiar characters from *The Bridge*, as well as a likable cast of fresh protagonists.", Library Journal

"Another weeper from Christian-fiction diva Kingsbury, this time featuring a prayerful NBA star and his long-lost first love.", Kirkus Reviews

"Popular inspirational novelist Kingsbury goes mainstream in her newest, which mixes a love story with a seasonal one that borrows from the Christmas favorite *It's A Wonderful Life*. . . . Kingsbury fans may acquire a new holiday favorite read in this sugary tale of second chances.", Publishers Weekly

"'Life Changing Fiction' is a profound definition of Karen Kingsbury's books. God has placed the words of this book in her heart with her readers in mind. Through the powerful words and Karen's testimony, don't be surprised if you open your heart a little wider to let God write the story of your life." -- Caitlyn C.

Other Books

With All Your Heart. This six-session, small group bible study DVD, *With All Your Heart*, by noted teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan, is volume ten of the 12-part *Faith Lessons* series. Do you remember where your blessing comes from? In Exodus, God warned Israel to remember him when they left the dry desert and reached the fertile fields of the Promised Land. But in this tenth volume of *Faith Lessons*, you'll discover how quickly they forgot God and began to rely on themselves. Find out what it means to remember the Lord in your own life on this one-of-a-kind spiritual pilgrimage. Filmed on location in Israel, *Faith Lessons* is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers. The *With All Your Heart* DVD was filmed on location in Timnah, Negev, and Jerusalem. These illuminating 'faith lessons' afford a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life. The *Faith Lessons* video series is ideal for use in small groups, personal and family Bible studies, and adult Sunday school. Individual believers and families will gain vital insights from long-ago times and cultures through this innovative approach to Bible study. This DVD is designed for use with the *With All Your Heart* Discovery Guide (sold separately). Lessons include: 1. Build Me a Sanctuary -- Filmed on location in Timnah 2. Making Space for God -- Filmed on location in Timnah 3. He Led Them Like a Shepherd -- Filmed on location in Negev 4. By Every Word --

Striking the Rock -- Filmed on location in Negev⁵. With All Your Might: The Final Test --
Filmed on location in Jerusalem⁶. A Well-Watered Garden -- Filmed on location in
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