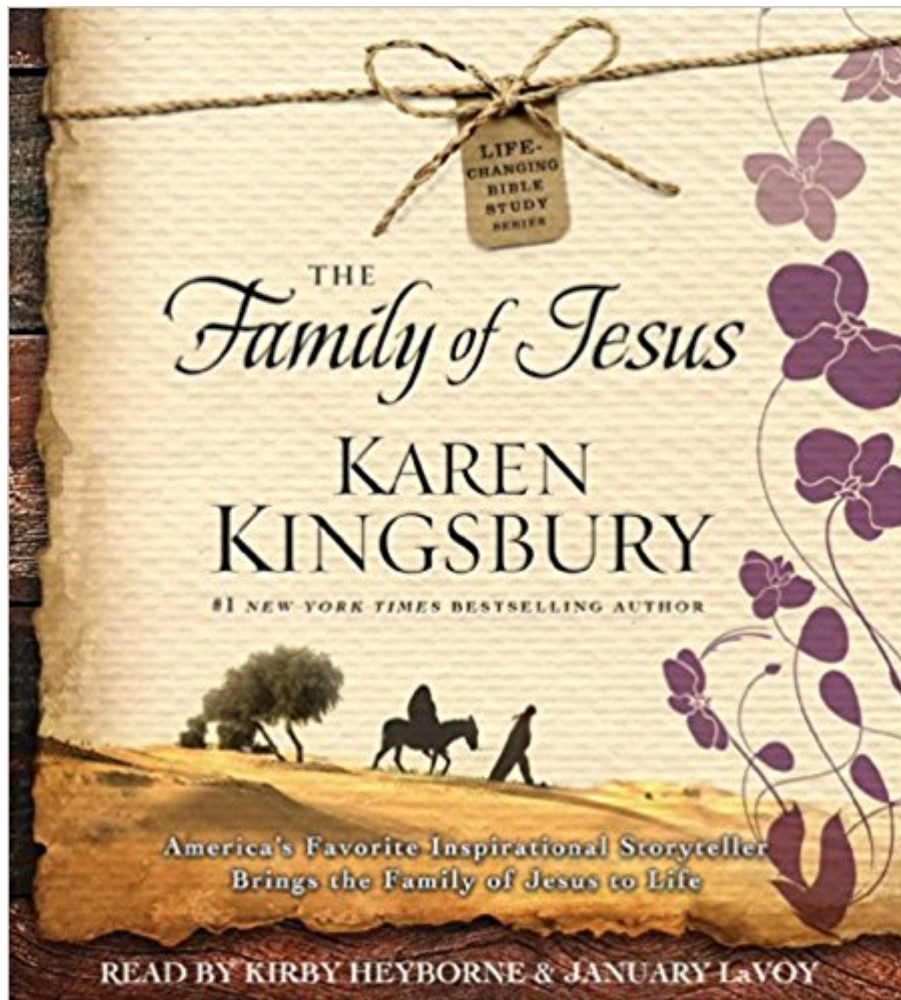




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The Family Of Jesus (Life-Changing Bible Study Series)



Synopsis

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*, listeners 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 listeners acquire tools that will draw them closer to Christ, to the Scriptures, and to each other.

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Customer Reviews

"Another weeper from Christian-fiction diva Kingsbury, this time featuring a prayerful NBA star and his long-lost first love." "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."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."Kingsbury, a CBA bestselling author, delivers her signature mix of melodrama, formula and genuine emotional punch in this novel. Kingsbury fans will undoubtedly be pleased by more of the inspirational fiction for which this author has become beloved."--Publishers Weekly

Reader Praise for "The Bridge: " "The Bridge" is a reminder that all things aren't as they seem. That things really do work together for the good! That God IS in control even when we can't see it. Karen's books make you laugh, cry, and leave you wanting more! Her characters are so real you feel like you know them, and want to be friends with them. Once I read the first page of "The Bridge" I couldn't put it down. I read the entire book in one day!!"--Hellen (Annette) H.

"Karen Kingsbury's newest book, "The Bridge", will tug at the heart-strings of old time bookstore lovers everywhere! Blend in a little romance with the timeless principle of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you, and you have a classic story built around classic books!"--Annette W.

"Karen Kingsbury has done it again with "The Bridge". She is more than an author. She's a vessel that God has used to minister to myself, as well as her other readers. She is a passionate and inspirational woman of God. I am grateful for her faithfulness and obedience to write when God gives her a story. Thank you, Karen, for your faithfulness. Your stories have touched my life more than you could ever know."--Tami D.

"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.

"The Bridge" is an excellent example of God's grace that is extended to us time and again despite our own shortcomings. Karen has created a touching and challenging story yet again."--Nicole S.

Karen Kingsbury, #1 [^]New York Times[^] bestselling novelist, is America[^] TMs 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 with Hallmark Films and as major motion pictures. Her Baxter Family books are being developed into a

TV series slated for major network viewing sometime in the next year. Karen is also an adjunct professor of writing at Liberty University. In 2001 she and her husband, Don, adopted three boys from Haiti, doubling their family in a matter of months. Today the couple has joined the ranks of empty nesters, living in Tennessee near five of their adult children.

The Family of Jesus by Karen Kingsbury offers a fictional view of six of the family members of Jesus (Mary, Joseph, Jesus's brother James, John the Baptist, Zechariah, and Elizabeth), all anchored by Scriptural truth, creating a life-changing and unprecedented emotional connection to the Bible. I was really excited to read The Family of Jesus by my friend, Karen Kingsbury. At first, I was a little skeptical as I know how I feel about fictionalizing Bible stories, but I felt Karen nailed it! Karen begins the book with a reader letter. I felt her heart and motive in writing this book and this really set me at ease and allowed me to fall in love with the story. I normally do not cry in books, but Karen really pulled a heartstring when she wrote about Joseph. The Bible does not give us a lot of details about Jesus's earthly father. This is where the fiction came in and Karen took what we do know and then tried to imagine if it could happen. What would it have been like to be Joseph? Imagine what it would have been like, in that time period, to be Joseph and the girl you are to marry comes and says, "I am pregnant." Joseph knew it was not his baby. Now think of how you would react to Mary saying, "This baby is from God." Of course, Karen tells it better than my brief example, but I never took the time to think about what really might have gone through Joseph's head as he heard this news. We are told in the Bible that he wanted to divorce Mary. As I read this whole story, I fell in love with the characters in the Family of Jesus. In fact, these are individuals in my family and in the family of Christians. Karen took me to a place I did not know existed as I felt like I got to know these individuals on a personal level. Of course, this is not the Bible. There are parts that are fiction and parts that are Scriptural truths. I think it is important to read a book like this, with discernment and prayer, but when I allowed myself to let get lost in the story and then evaluate what I just read, that was when the book really came alive. I think this is one of Karen's best books yet and I am excited to see how God uses it in the lives of those who read it. I received a copy of this book for free. I was not required to write a positive review and all opinions are my own.

I just finished THE FAMILY OF JESUS by Karen Kingsbury and I must say what an AMAZING book!!! From the first page in her letter to her readers to the last page, you are drawn into The Family of Jesus. We all know the characters...Joseph, Zechariah, Elizabeth, John the Baptist,

James, and Mary. But, Karen tells a story, like no other, taking us deeper into the lives of these beloved Bible family members of Jesus. You get a glimpse into what their lives were like, their conversations, their feelings...joys, heartaches, etc. And their one connection throughout each of their stories... Jesus. And after each short stories, you are directed to a page number towards the back of the book, where Karen has written six Bible studies on each of the characters. This is a book that you will read again and again and it will lead you to pick up your Bible. A truly emotional, heart-touching, and very vivid, life-changing detailed book that you will want to share with family and friends. And with every Karen Kingsbury book, have tissues nearby. THE FAMILY OF JESUS is a MUST READ!! Looking forward to the next book in this continued series.

At first I was unsure about reading this book, but once I got started I was so glad that I kept reading. I love how Karen Kingsbury made the family of Jesus so real. Have you ever thought how did Joseph feel when he found out that Mary was pregnant. What was going through Mary's mind? What about Zechariah and Elizabeth? This book just made it seem so real and like they were every day people with the same type of feelings and emotions that we would probably wonder about. Excellent book and so worth the purchase. You won't be disappointed...I know I wasn't.

I absolutely loved this book with every ounce of my heart. It pulled me in from the cover to the end. It is about the family of Jesus and it starts with Joseph the protective step-father and ending with Mary his loving faithful mother who never showed doubt in her son. Each story is told in a way that makes you want more than the little chapter she put into it. Karen did a great job describing dialog and events that we don't know 100% how it happened. Like how Mary and Joseph met, we have no idea that they were childhood friends but she made me believe it. Or did Mary really take off for 3 months without letting Joseph know where and why she was leaving. I was also very awesome that she had a minister look over her work to make sure she got it as close to scripture as possible. The bible study was great as well and I actually went in and did it. The Stories covered in this book are Joseph the protective step-father (earthly father) Zachariah- his mother's faithful cousin John- his cousin, zacharah's son Elizabeth- his mother's cousin, zacharah's wife and John's mother and the man that will make the way for him James- his doubting brother turned believer Mary- his loving mother and most faithful women I received a free copy for my honest review through netgalley

Our Bible Study group is presently doing this study and I cannot say enough good about it. There is a small hardback book, a paperback workbook, and a DVD video. Our teacher did not "require" us

to purchase the hardback for our group study and this worked fine BECAUSE we had the video and the workbook. In the video, Karen tells the story from the hardback while the scene flashes back & forth from her to a chalk drawer. Awesome! Each chapter of the book tells the story of a different family member of Jesus. If you just want to read the book you will be delighted as Karen brings to life a different family member in each chapter.

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