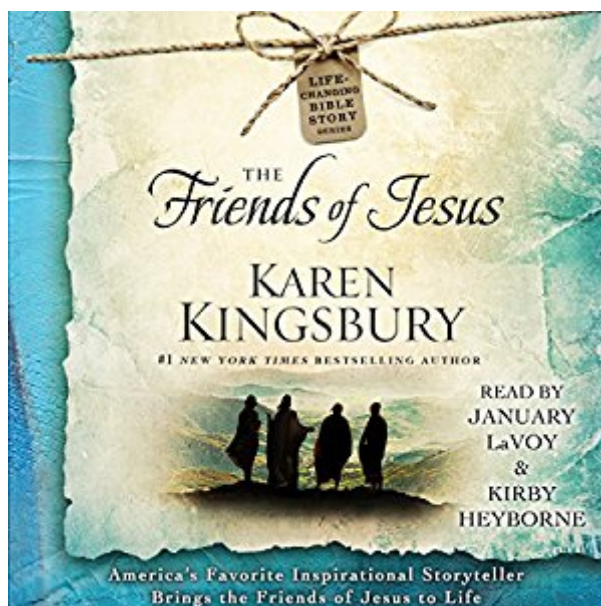


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# The Friends Of Jesus: Life-Changing Bible Study Series



## Synopsis

America's favorite inspirational novelist and number-one New York Times best-selling author offers a richly told tale about six of Jesus' closest friends and companions, bringing biblical truths to life in this captivating continuation of her Life-Changing Bible Study series. In our everyday lives, friends are the people whom we spend the most time with, go through struggles with at times, and who know us best. Each of Jesus' friends - Peter, John, Matthew, Judas, Mary Magdalene, and Lazarus - traveled with Jesus and were part of his daily ministry, and each has a compelling story to tell. There were some who would question or doubt him, and one would even betray him. Kingsbury brings these fascinating personalities to life in ways that will not only help bring you closer to the truths found in scripture, but also to Christ. By combining valuable, instructive Bible study with compelling, insightful character sketches of Jesus' companions, Kingsbury provides you with a deeper understanding of the scriptural teachings featuring these fascinating people. Emotionally powerful, thought-provoking, and soulful, *The Friends of Jesus* will help you to appreciate the Bible and understand how it applies to your relationships with the most important people in your life.

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## Customer Reviews

While her FICTION novel is just what she says, fiction, she presents these people of the Bible as if these things actually occurred which makes the reader think she has some kind of in-side information, maybe from scholars but she never lists any scholars or books she may have used in her "assumptions." I study scripture and with her companion Bible study book, I now question her

"authority" as one who should be assembling a Bible study that might be incorrect. Last night our church watched her first DVD in the 6 part series and I was left baffled as she basically summarized her first chapter of the book and most women in the group were in awe to be learning new facts (actually fiction) but never realized this is FICTIONALized. I can't even give it the title of historical fiction, because there is nothing there to support her claims. Also, the writing itself is for a younger crowd, maybe geared toward middle school or younger. I did enjoy feeling like I now know these "friends" of Jesus, but what her books says of them may never have occurred...I don't appreciate being duped...like I said she uses this book (fiction) to authenticate her DVD Bible study series (supposed to be non-fiction) and uses this DVD (part fiction and part non-fiction) to set the stage for her Bible study (which is supposed to be truth, aka non-fiction).

I purchased this book for my UMW Circle study group. I feel like I am reading a study book for a 5th or 6th grader. This book is not an adult study book. It is a very good book for a middle school age Sunday school class or study group. Was very disappointed how simplistic it was.

This book, like Karen Kingsbury's book *The Family of Jesus*, allows imagination to fill in details of the lives and thoughts and emotions of people who were close to Jesus. It generated good sharing and discussion in our Bible study group. It also allowed me to put myself deeper into the life of Jesus and those who were with him, knowing I was using possibility, not fact, but always anchored by what we find in the Bible.

This was an excellent book. I love Jesus with all my heart, reading this book about the men who were considered to be his friends made all of them seem more realistic. I especially felt in my heart John's feelings when he realized , really realized Jesus true messages.

This books brings to life those involved in Jesus life!

This book really opened one's eyes as to who Jesus really is, what he asks, and what he want us to change in our lives. Great bible study for any size group wishing to know more & deepen their relationship with Christ

This is another example of the versatility of Karen Kingsbury. It will leave you wanting more! I very highly recommend this book to anyone who has wondered what it was like to walk beside Jesus.

Worthwhile read.

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