

3rd Series: KeyVerses about Jesus (NLT) English

Week 1

Day 1 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. (John 1.1-2)

Before anything got started – the universe, humans – Jesus existed, (name). This person we get to know is more than a Jewish peasant from 2100 years ago. He's God. What a staggering thought, that we can have a relationship, person to person, with God! Make the most of it!

Day 2 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. (John 1.3)

Imagine if you went through this day looking at everything, (name), and saying, *Jesus made that*. He did! Including you – he made both of us. Take time today to be in awe of his creativity.

Day 3 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. (John 1.14)

Jesus is God-who-became-a-person. He's exactly what God is like, but in a human body. What's God like? He's full of love for you, (name). Try to love him back, more and more, today.

Day 4 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. (John 1.17)

Following Jesus is not a set of rules, (name). It's our love responding to his love. You can depend on that love – it won't go away, or give up, like human love often does. Thank God for Jesus today, and for the love you're experiencing through him.

Day 5 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us. (John 1.18)

God would be just an idea to us, or a theory, if Jesus hadn't come. But now we have the facts: God is like Jesus. You can get to know God, (name), because Jesus gave you that privilege. Don't miss the chance!

Week 2

Day 1 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1.29)

In the Jewish religion, a lamb got sacrificed and killed, to ask God for forgiveness of sins. For us, that Lamb is Jesus. He offered himself as a sacrifice, so God could forgive us. This is a wonderful gift, (name). Take time to thank Jesus for being the Lamb who took your sins away.

Day 2 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

Then he said, "I tell you the truth, you'll all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth. (John 1.51)

This is the end of a story, a dream about a ladder. It stretched from heaven to earth, with angels on it. Jesus tells us he's that Ladder. God will bring us good things, because we are connected to Jesus. Today tell God you want every good thing he wants to give, (name)!

Day 3 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

For he [Jesus] is sent by God. He speaks God's words, for God gives him the Spirit without limit. The Father loves his Son and has put everything into his hands. (John 3.34-35)

Who's in charge of everything in the universe? Jesus. When you talk to him, and listen to him, you're connecting to the one who's in control of everything. It can give you confidence, because Jesus can guide and control your life too, (name). Thank him for being in control.

Day 4 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light [Jesus] came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. (John 3.19)

Why aren't people interested in Jesus, (name), if he came from God? This verse gives the answer: people don't come to him because they love to do evil, not good. We must pray for our friends, that they change their minds and come to the light, Jesus.

Day 5 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I." (John 5.17)

This is a new insight for us, that God is working in our world. We often don't see his work, or even realize he's affecting people around us. Ask God to give you eyes to see, so you can recognize his work, (name). Then be like Jesus, try to work with God.

Week 3

Day 1 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

[Jesus] I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They'll never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life. (John 5.24)

We can be very confident, (name), because of Jesus' words. He promises that we now have a new life, one that stretches into eternity. And that God won't judge us for sins, because he judged Jesus instead. Let's listen carefully to Jesus, and believe in God today.

Day 2 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

[Jesus] You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! (John 5.39)

Jesus was talking to religious leaders. They studied the Bible deeply, but they didn't believe in Jesus! It's a reminder to us, God gave us the Bible so we could learn about Jesus, and trust in him. Ask God to make you a Bible student, (name), one that learns about Jesus more and more.

Day 3 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead. (Rom 14.9)

When Jesus died, he took our sin away by his suffering. When he came alive, he defeated death. Now he's in charge of everything. Tell Jesus you want him to be in charge of you, (name). You want his new life to control you and guide you.

Day 4 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. (Rom 15.5)

Now that we follow Jesus, (name), we can have love and harmony with others, not fighting and hatred. Ask God to give you more and more of his love, especially for other Christians.

Day 5 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He'll come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him. (Heb. 9.27-28)

The first time Jesus came to earth, it was to die for us. The next time he comes, it will be to rescue us from this world of suffering and death. We'll get to be with him, live with him. Ask God to help you look for Jesus, (name) and to eagerly wait for his return.

Week 4

Day 1 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David's family line, and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 1.3-4)

Before we knew about Jesus, we didn't have good news, (name). Our life was full of struggles and suffering. But now Jesus has come, we have the best news! God gave us his Son, to help us live a new way. Now Jesus is in control. Thank God for being so kind to you, to send Jesus to help you.

Day 2 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

And this is the message I proclaim—that the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone's secret life. (Rom. 2.16)

There are things in everyone's life that only they know, the deep secrets. But God knows too. That's why it's so important to come into God's Light, not hiding anything from him. Tell God you want to walk in the Light, (name), and let him forgive and clean up anything dark in your life.

Day 3 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. (Romans 3.23-24)

How does God give us a new, pure life? He let Jesus be punished, so we could get free from all the guilt and shame and blame. We all need this, (name), because we all fail to live up to God's standard. Today take time to thank God that Jesus was willing to free us from sin.

Day 4 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. (Matt. 7.21)

Words are cheap, (name), right. It's easy to say, *I'm a Christian*, but the words don't mean anything, unless we are willing to obey God. Ask God to help you obey him, so your actions will show you are really a follower of Jesus.

Day 5 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

"I will prove to you that the Son of Man [Jesus' term for himself] has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" And the man jumped up and went home! (Matt 9.6-7)

This is a great story, where a handicapped man got healed by Jesus. Even better, Jesus used the healing to tell us he can forgive our sins. He can heal us inside! Thank God for this kind of healing, (name), that God would take away all the badness, and give us goodness inside!

Week 5 第五周

Day 1 A KeyVerse for you about Jesus, (name):

Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I’ll give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I’m humble and gentle at heart, and you’ll find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” (Matt 11.28-30)

This is a wonderful invitation from Jesus, (name). He’ll help us with the burdens of life, and he’ll teach us. He’s not a harsh teacher, he’s very gentle and kind. I encourage you to say Yes to Jesus. Tell him you want him to be your teacher, and learn from him.

Day 2 A KeyVerse for you about Jesus, (name):

Then Jesus asked them, “But who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You’re the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” (Matt 16.15-16)

It took time for the disciples of Jesus to realize how great he was. He was actually God’s Son, the one God sent to be the answer to all our problems. Same with us, it takes time to figure out Jesus. Ask God to help you understand how great Jesus is, (name).

Day 3 A KeyVerse for you about Jesus, (name):

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Heb 13.8)

When you read the stories about Jesus in the Bible, you can say, *he’s just the same today!* That’s what this verse means, you can depend on Jesus, because he doesn’t change. We change, (name), but he doesn’t. Thank him today for being so dependable.

Day 4 A KeyVerse for you about Jesus, (name):

For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. (Col 1.13-14)

Jesus is the King, and we get to be in his kingdom, because of God’s kindness to us. Before, we were in darkness – we didn’t know the right way to go. Now we’re in his light, because Jesus died for us. Take time to thank him today, (name), for wanting you in his kingdom. Tell him you want him to be the King of your life.

Day 5 A KeyVerse for you about Jesus, (name):

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. (Col. 1.15-16)

Wow! He made everything! Before we were Christians, we didn't believe that. Now we understand that Jesus is the Creator of everything. Even the spiritual beings, the angels, that we can't see. And everything is made for him. It belongs to him and gives him pleasure. Because he made you, (name), it's good to say *Yes* to Jesus, that you want to live for him, not yourself.

Week 6

Day 1 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He's the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. (Col 1.18)

God started a new creation when Jesus rose from the dead. When we believe in Jesus, we become part of that new creation. This old creation we're in will someday end, but the new creation won't. How wonderful, (name), that we get to be in the new creation! It's all because of Jesus – say thanks to him today!

Day 2 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. (Col. 1.19-20)

When you learn about Jesus, (name), you are learning about God. Everything that is God is in Jesus. It's amazing that God became a person like us, so we could encounter him. Even more amazing, we can become friends again with God, because Jesus died on the cross. Tell God you're so glad, so thankful for this friendship you have with him.

Day 3 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col. 2.2-3)

God has a plan, but it's a mystery to us, before we are Christians, (name). The plan is, we can get to know God through Jesus. He's the one who has all the wisdom we need to live. Tell God you want this wisdom from Jesus, even more than you want the knowledge you get from school.

Day 4 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. (Col. 2.9)

All of God is in Jesus, (name). What Jesus is, that's what God is like. What Jesus did, that's what God does. The best way to know God isn't with religion. No, it's by knowing Jesus. Today make it your aim to know Jesus more, to study his stories, to pray to him.

Day 5 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

Since you've been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. (Col. 3.1-2)

There's so much to think about, to worry about, to be concerned about in life! If you're not careful, (name), you'll forget to think about God. It's important to think about the future with God, to look ahead to heaven, where Jesus is. Then you will be able to face the realities of daily living. Today, think about heaven.

Week 7

Day 1 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you'll share in all his glory. (Col. 3.3-4)

Although you're living in this world right now, your real life is with Jesus. You're a *new ME*, someone who belongs to him. Others don't really know this, (name), but you know. Ask God to help you live the *new ME* life, to be more and more like Jesus, each day.

Day 2 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

In this new life, it doesn't matter if you're a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us. (Col. 3.11)

Before we believed in Jesus, we were proud and prejudiced. We looked down on others. But now we see that Jesus loves everyone, so we must too. Ask God to help you see the value of every person today, (name), so you won't be proud or prejudiced.

Day 3 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you're working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you're serving is Christ. (Col. 3.23-24)

It changes how we work, when we can think, *Jesus is my Boss*. In school, we can think, *Jesus is my Teacher*. Then we'll want to work hard for him, (name), and be conscientious. Ask God to help you work for the Lord, not your boss or teacher.

Day 4 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

This one [Jesus] who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he's the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. (1 John 1.2)

Jesus' best friend John got to know him personally. He's told us, so we can know Jesus too, and have a deep friendship. Now we can tell others, like John told us, (name). Then they can know Jesus too, and have the new life that transforms them inside. Ask God to help you tell others about Jesus.

Day 5 A verse for you about Jesus, (name):

But if we're living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1.7)

Before we were Christians, (name), we used to be in the darkness. We tried to hide our thoughts and actions from God and from others. Now we can be in God's light! Now we can be friends with God's children. We don't want to hide anything anymore, but instead tell him, and get him to keep us clean. Thank God today that Jesus came to bring you into the light.