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KeyVerses11 Jesus Part 3

Love follows knowledge. A new Believer needs to be fed, fed, fed until they can feed themselves. Here's the last of the 11 KeyVerse series, each of them with 35 verses (7 weeks worth) to show care and content to a young Christian. This series features verses about Jesus.

Examples:

Week 2 Day 6: a KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

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Verses to use Choose any verses you feel give insights about the Jesus. Here's a sample list for your consideration (there are many more):

Week 1: John 1.4-5; 1.9; 1.10; 1.11; 1.37-38

Week 2: John 1.41; 2.18-19, 21; 2.23-25; 3.13; 3.17

Week 3: Jn 3.18; 3.28-30; 3.36; 4.25-26; 4.34

Week 4: John 5.21; 5.25-26; 8.28-29; 6.18-20; 6.27

Week 5: John 6.35; 8.12; 8.57-58; 10.9-10; 10.11

Week 6: John 11.23-25; 14.5-6; 6.38-39; 6.44; 6.66-68

Week 7: John 7.5-8; 7.17; 7.38-39; 8.10-11; 8.28-29

To do: Copy the verse from a website like biblegateway.com, add a comment, and email it to a new Believer, Monday – Friday. If you can, pick the same time each day – make it something they anticipate.

Or if you wish, use/modify the 35 KeyVerses below.

Small things done in great love will change the world, one person at a time...

* this is the 11th series of KeyVerses; see also 1st series: *Believer – 35 Basic KeyVerses*; 2nd series: *Believer – 35 God KeyVerses*; 3rd series: *35 Jesus KeyVerses*; 4th series: *35 Spirit KeyVerses*; 5th series: *35 Good News KeyVerses*; 6th series: *35 God's Word KeyVerses*; 7th Series: *35 Jesus KeyVerses*; 8th series: *35 Prayer KeyVerses*; 9th series: *35 Doing-life-together KeyVerses*; 10th series: *35 Growing Spiritually KeyVerses*

11th Series: KeyVerses about Jesus Part 3 – verses in John that describe Jesus

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Intro:

We begin another series of KeyVerses about Jesus, (name). He's the one we follow, he's the one who rescued us from an empty way of living, and brought us back to God. These KeyVerses are all from the book his best friend John wrote, so we can really get to know Jesus. I hope you get closer and closer to him, captured by his love and truth.

Week One

Day 1: John 1.4-5

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

The Word [Jesus] gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. (John 1.4-5)

Jesus is life and light. He's the source of all human life, and his truth lights up our hearts. When light comes, darkness disappears, (name) - it can't stay. Same with us, when Jesus comes to us, we begin to see clearly what God is like, what we should be, what love is. Open your heart to this light today, and tell Jesus you don't want any darkness in any part of you.

Day 2: John 1.9

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

The one [Jesus] who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. (John 1.9)

Don't miss the important idea in this verse, (name). Everyone alive gets exposed to the light of God's truth. Jesus communicates with all of us deep within, showing us who God is and what's right and wrong. That's why little kids often say it's not fair - Jesus gave them a way to know. It's encouraging to know God was involved with you even before you started following Jesus. And he's speaking to others around you too.

Day 3: John 1.10

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

He [Jesus] came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. (John 1.10)

Jesus created everything, even us, but when he visited our planet, he was in disguise. No one even figured out who he was! It's like looking at the Mona Lisa painting with Leonardo Da Vinci standing beside us, (name), but we don't recognize him, don't praise him for being such a great artist. That's what happened with Jesus. It's a reminder that we'll miss God and miss eternal life unless we look carefully. God must help us see who Jesus is. Ask God for spiritual eyes open wide to see Jesus and follow him.

Day 4: John 1.11

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

He [Jesus] came to his own people [the Jews], and even they rejected him. (John 1.11)

The Jews waited for the Messiah, the one God would send to be their King. But when Jesus came, most Jews rejected him. So strange! Know why, (name)? They were full of religion, trying to get to God on their own efforts. They were too proud to admit they needed Jesus to die for their sins. So sad for them and so true today, how pride can keep us out of God's kingdom. Thank God you had enough sense to be humble, to accept Jesus and depend on him now.

Day 5: John 1.37-38

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus. Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them. (John 1.37-38)

It's a question all of us must answer at some point when we meet Jesus, (name). If we really want to know God and belong to him, we'll want Jesus. But if we're just curious or not serious, we won't. If Jesus asked you that question, how would you answer? What do you want in life?

Week Two

Day 6: John 1.41

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Day 7: John 2.18-19, 21

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

The Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it." "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I'll raise it up." ...But when Jesus said "this temple," he meant his own body. (John 2.18-19, 21)

From the start of his public ministry, Jesus told others he was going to die. Rise again too. They would kill him, but he would reverse death. That's the reason he came from God, to die for us. Even today many people fight against him, like these leaders. Only a few follow him. This amazing Jesus gives us a choice to believe or not. But whatever we choose, (name), it has consequences. Your choice to believe in him let's you participate in resurrection too!

Day 8: John 2.23-25

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Because of the miraculous signs Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many began to trust in him. But Jesus didn't trust them, because he knew human nature. No one needed to tell him what mankind is really like. (John 2.23-25)

Jesus knows everyone completely, (name). You. Me. He knows everything about us. Wow! We hardly know ourselves. We lie to ourselves, even harm ourselves sometimes. There's a dark side to our inner life we barely comprehend. Same with others, we often don't know them deeply. Their inner thoughts, their motives are hidden from us. But not to Jesus. Amazingly, he loves us, even though he knows everything. .Tell him today, that's what I want to do, be open and transparent before you, Jesus.

Day 9: John 3.13

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man [Jesus] has come down from heaven. (John 3.13)

Jesus is unique. We can't go to God, but God can come to us. That's what God did, through Jesus. He came from heaven, became a human and lived among us. How valuable you must be to God, (name), that he'd visit our planet and

make a way back to him! This is more important than anything else in life. It's worth taking time today to say thanks and refocus your life on him.

Day 10: John 3.17

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3.17)

Jesus could have come to judge, for sure! He's all-pure, all-just, all-good, all-decent, and we're not, (name)! But he didn't come to this planet for that reason. He's not mean, not a bully. No, he's the kindest friend you'll ever have, the lover who gave up his life so you can have a fresh start. Wow! Get close to him today, invite him into every area of your life.

Week Three

Day 11: John 3.18

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him [Jesus]. But anyone who doesn't believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. (John 3.18)

God stops being our Judge and becomes our Friend when we believe in Jesus, (name). Now God's love pours into you, transforming you and affecting everyone around you. God judged and punished Jesus, so he can bless you. Open your life wide to him today!

Day 12: John 3.28-30

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[John the Baptist] You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I'm not the Messiah. I'm only here to prepare the way for him [Jesus]. It's the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the best man is simply glad to stand with him and

hear his vows. Therefore, I'm filled with joy at his success. He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less. (John 3.28-30 excerpts)

Once we grasp how great Jesus is, we'll echo John's attitude. We'll be delighted to watch others responding to Jesus. We'll easily say, "Look at him, not me!" We'll ask God to make us less and less, and increase Jesus more and more in our lives. Ask God to give this kind of joy, (name), as you watch Jesus' success.

Day 13: John 3.36

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Jesus] And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment. (John 3.36)

Eternal life is available to everyone, (name), if they want it. God is so generous, he'll give anyone life forever with him. No matter who they are, what they've done, God still welcomes them when they believe in Jesus. That means they depend on him, not themselves, and obey him. We must tell others, let them know God's door is wide open. How tragic if they don't miss it and face God's judgment instead!

Day 14:

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loved her and revealed himself to her. She was so touched, she became his follower! Imagine someone around you who's far from God, (name). Could they be hungry for him too? Let's pray that God help us discover these people, and bring them to Jesus.

Day 15: John 4.34

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment [food] comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. (John 4.34)

We all have inner hungers that influence us, (name), more than just hunger for food. We want fame. Attention. Love. Meaning. Imagine if we were like Jesus, hungry to do whatever God asked of us. That's what drove him, gave him satisfaction. Let's ask God to be like this - hungry to be working with God, caring for people, from start to finish each day.

Week Four

Day 16

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Jesus] For just as the Father gives life to those he raises from the dead, so the Son gives life to anyone he wants. (John 5.21)

The ultimate power in the universe has to be the ability to reverse death. Everything around us dies - flowers, pets, even stars. You and I do too - a sobering thought, how powerless we are in the face of death. All except Jesus! When we trusted in him, we became united with ultimate Power. And it's available to you right now, God's life-giving power. When you die, for sure, God promises to continue your life into eternity. But even now, (name), Jesus can give you new life, in your thoughts, your relationships, your willpower, your future dreams. Ask him for life, life, life today!

Day 17:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Jesus] And I assure you that the time is coming, indeed it's here now, when the dead will hear my voice—the voice of the Son of God. And those who listen will live. The Father has life in himself, and he has granted that same life-giving power to his Son. (John 5.25-26)

We don't have life in ourselves, (name), but Jesus does. He's the Life-Source. Our life is temporary and fragile. We can die at any time, for any number of reasons. But Jesus is different. Life resides in him and comes from him. No matter what you're going through, you can call on Jesus for life-giving power. He has it and gives it freely to us!

Day 18:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you'll understand that I Am [God]. I do nothing on my own but say only what the Father taught me. And the one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him.” (John 8.28-29)

If I had to summarize life in one sentence, I'd do it with Jesus' statement, I always do what pleases God. That's how he lived, every second of his life. We're not perfect like he was, but still, we can make this our aim in life. Today, (name), I'd encourage you to tell God I want to enjoy you and do what pleases you, Father.

Day 19:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Soon a gale swept down upon them [the disciples of Jesus], and the sea grew very rough. They had rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, but he called out to them, “Don't be afraid. I am [here]! (John 6.18-20)

Those disciples are perfectly safe, even though they're in a storm. Why? Because Jesus is caring for them. Same with us, (name). No matter what you experience in

life, you are completely safe, because Jesus is there, caring for you. You don't have to be afraid any more, of anything. What a good Friend and Savior he is to us!

Day 20:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Jesus] Don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval. (John 6.27)

We only have so much energy, only so much time. Jesus cautions us, don't waste it! If we spend our time and energy like everyone else, we'll miss God. Miss his life. Miss his Dream. Just like you'll take time to eat today, (name), take time for Jesus. Give him your energy, your passion, your interest.

Week Five

Day 21

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 6.35)

Such a brilliant teacher Jesus is! He uses something we all experience - hunger, thirst - to show how he can meet our deepest desires. We all try to satisfy our inward appetites with something: money, pleasure, power, relationships, adventure. Jesus says it's when we have him that these hungers get met. Ask him to help you understand this, (name), what it means to "feed" off him.

Day 22:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I'm the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you'll have the light that leads to life." (John 8.12)

Jesus makes a tremendous claim, (name). He's our light, our way out of darkness. And not just us, he is for everyone in the world. If someone wants spiritual light, they must come to Jesus. He promises to be our light, to guide us through life. How sad to have a flashlight and leave it off, staying in the dark. Same with Jesus, such a shame not to open all our life to Jesus' light. Tell him you want all the darkness out, so his light will flood every part of you.

Day 23:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

The people said, "You aren't even fifty years old. How can you say you've seen Abraham?" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I Am! (John 8.57-58)

When Jesus told the crowd he was the God of eternity, they wouldn't believe him. Jesus used "I am", the name for God, to describe himself, because that's who he is. They had contempt for him; he was a peasant teacher. People scoff at him today too, (name). But we don't. We've discovered that the Creator of all, the One who dwells in eternity, became human so we could have a relationship with him. Tell Jesus, "You're my God! I'll believe in you, even if no one else does!"

Day 24:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Jesus] Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They'll come and go freely and will find good pastures. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. (John 10.9-10)

When a garden gate is closed, you can't enter. It may be full of fragrant flowers, trees loaded down with fruit, but you're locked out. But once the gate opens, you can experience it all if you want. Now imagine God's goodness to us like a garden. We were locked out, but now the gate is open wide, thanks to Jesus. He's the gate! When you committed your life to him, (name), you got to step into God's rich and satisfying world. Run around! Enjoy yourself! Celebrate! Don't miss any of it!

Day 25:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Jesus] I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. (John 10.11)

Jesus uses "I am" - that is, God's name - to illustrate how he'll care for you, (name). He'll watch over you as carefully as a shepherd with the sheep. You're completely safe with him, because he has such deep love for you. How do you know? He died, sacrificing his life for you! Such love!!! Enjoy the safety he put you in, and stay close to him today.

Week Six

Day 26

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

"Yes," Martha said, "he'll rise when everyone else rises, at the last day."

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." (John 11.23-25)

Here's another "I am", this one even more amazing. None of us can conquer death, no matter how rich or powerful or smart we are. But Jesus did, and now he accompanies us through death into new life. Death should give you no fear, (name). Your Friend Jesus is greater than death! Tell him thanks, and ask him to take away all your fears.

Day 27:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you're going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. (John 14.5-6)

This is a famous I AM statement by Jesus (remember, I AM is God's name). He's telling us, if someone wants to come to God, he's the way. And if they're searching

for answers, he's the truth. If they know this life ends in death and they want another life, he's the life. This is why Jesus came, (name) to give us a connection to God, to break the power of lies that trap us, and give us new life, eternal life, while we're living in this life. It's so great we've found him, so great we can know him!!! It's worth thanking him all day! And inviting others to know him...

Day 28:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Jesus] For I've come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. And this is the will of God, that I shouldn't lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. (John 6.38-39)

Here are two encouraging thoughts from Jesus. First, we finally get to see someone - Jesus - who lived totally for God, not himself. That way of living is full of joy and purpose and love - it's what God wants to give you, (name), if you'll do his will. And Jesus promises to keep you safe, because you belong to him. The Father gave you to Jesus as a gift - what a fascinating idea! - and Jesus won't lose you. When you die, he'll not forget you, no. He'll resurrect you, like he got resurrected. It should warm your heart today, how committed this lover Jesus is to you!

Day 29:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Jesus] For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I'll raise them up. (John 6.44)

Being human and being proud seem to go together, (name). One thing we can't take credit for: getting connected to Jesus. That relationship starts with God first, not us. This is humbling, sobering too. On your own, you'd never have found him. God decided before you did, to let you have the chance to become a believer. Oh, how great, how gracious of him! Take time to thank and worship God. He deserves all our gratitude for giving us this chance.

Day 30:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?"

Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. (John 6.66-68)

Jesus knew many followed him only because of his miracles, so he preached a strong sermon. "You must eat my flesh and drink my blood," he said. People got offended, like he was suggesting cannibalism, and they walked away. No, he meant they'd have to depend on him like we depend on food, totally. Such a good response from Peter - he knows Jesus has the answer to life. Let's be like Peter, (name). Only Jesus can give us eternal life. Only Jesus. Let's not desert him, even when he's hard to understand.

Week Seven

Day 31

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

For even his brothers didn't believe in him. Jesus replied, "Now is not the right time for me to go, but you can go anytime. The world can't hate you, but it does hate me because I accuse it of doing evil. You go on. I'm not going to this festival, because my time has not yet come." (John 7.5-8)

It's so surprising that Jesus' family didn't believe in him! Not till after the resurrection, anyway, they didn't. It's encouraging for us, because many Christians face the same problem. Their parents or brothers or sisters don't believe and don't want them to believe. Don't be surprised if someone even hates you, (name), because you follow Jesus. It happened to him, it might happen to us.

Day 32:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Jesus] Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own. (John 7.17)

Jesus is clear: the way we know he's from God is to obey him. We must do more than just think about him, just watch others. No, we must actually do what he says. You can't swim by looking at the water - you must jump in. You can't get full by looking at food - you must eat it. In the same way, you can't know Jesus unless you obey and experience him. Today, let's do that, (name). Let's live his teachings, not just think about it.

Day 33:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

[Jesus] Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'" (When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit hadn't yet been given, because Jesus hadn't yet entered into his glory.) (John 7.38-39)

This is Jesus' dream for you. Imagine being a container that God wants to pour himself into, filling you full of his love and light. Even better, he wants to spill over and splash on many others. You'll be a great encouragement to many people, because God will be pouring out of you. And not just drops or trickles. No, rivers... Do you believe him. (name)? Then tell him you want this, more and more, each day.

Day 34:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?"

"No, Lord," she said.

And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.” (John 8.10-11)

The accusers were sooo cruel to this woman! They even wanted to kill her. Jesus was soooo kind to her. He called her actions sin, but didn't condemn her. When you bring your sins to Jesus, you'll find real love, real acceptance, real forgiveness. And he'll even help you change. Let's be like him, (name), full of love, full of kindness to those around us.

Letter to end the series.

This is the last verse in our series about Jesus, (name).

I hope they have encouraged you to love and follow him more and more.

It's also the last series of KeyVerses we have.

Do your best to start feeding yourself regularly from God's Word!

Day 35:

A KeyVerse about Jesus to encourage you:

So Jesus said, “When you've lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you'll understand that I Am [he]. I do nothing on my own but say only what the Father taught me. And the one who sent me is with me—he hasn't deserted me. For I always do what pleases him.” (John 8.28-29)

This is how Jesus lived, always pleasing the Father. Jesus was God who became human, so we could know God was real, and know how we should live. I'd encourage you to make this your life purpose, to enjoy God more than anything else, and do what pleases him. That's where happiness and joy and adventure is found, (name).