

# I Want to Be as Close to You 736

1 I want to be as close to you as  
 2 I want to be as close to you as  
 3 I want to be as close to you as  
 4 You want to be as close to me as  
 5 Like Mar - y, John, and Mag - da - lene, make  
 she who gave you birth. Christ Je - sus, let my  
 was be - lov - ed John. Christ, let me fol - low  
 Mag - da - lene who went, pro - claim - ing news of  
 moth - er, broth - er, friend. Christ, keep me faith - ful  
 us dis - ci - ples true. Like moth - er, broth - er,  
 "yes," like hers, bring bless - ings on our earth.  
 where you lead, by trust and friend - ship drawn.  
 death's de - feat, your first a - pos - tle sent.  
 to your love, a love that has no end.  
 sis - ter, friend, Christ, keep us close to you.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text centers on three significant people in Christ's earthly life, Mary his mother, John the beloved disciple, and Mary Magdalene, the first witness to his Resurrection. With these models to guide us, we can learn much about how to live out our desire to be near to Christ.