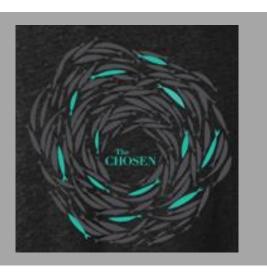
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## The Chosen Series Summary

No matter where you are at in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you! Imagine you could see the life of *Jesus* through the eyes of the people that walked on Earth with him – the disciples, Mary his mother, the Pharisees, the children, those he healed.

What would that look like?

Now you can experience it! **The Chosen** is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of **Jesus**. Created outside of the Hollywood system, **The Chosen** allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him.

**The Chosen** stays faithful to the Gospels and at the same time tells us a story that is in between the lines of scripture. This T.V. series brings to life those people that are mentioned in the Bible, using the historical context of life at the time of **Jesus**. The series does not contradict scripture, but instead puts life around it so that we as viewers can imagine, "What was life like with **Jesus**." It really could have been this way.

We at St. Leo's Church believe that as you encounter each of the characters in **The Chosen** you will build a new curiosity about the life of **Jesus** and those that followed him when he walked the earth. This series, along with these reflection sheets, has the potential to give a better understanding of **Jesus** as **God** and man.

The accompanying short Bible verses on each reflection sheet will help set the foundation. If you choose, read them first.

Then, as you watch the episode, what was happening 'in-between-the-lines" may be brought to life in a deeper, entertaining and powerful way.

After watching each episode, allow the reflection questions to help you digest what you watched.

Our hope is that as our church encounters the characters in **The Chosen**, we are able to relate to the them, leading us in a closer relationship with **Jesus**, our Lord and Savior.

**The Chosen** is a fresh look at the Gospels for those who have been reading the stories for years or for those who are just curious about who **Jesus** is and was.

We hope this discussion guide will prove useful for you. It can be used in a small group setting, a Bible study setting, for personal journaling or as a family discussion guide! If any of this process - watching - discussing - learning - embracing - if any of this has been beneficial, please take a moment and share it on social media. #StLeosTheChosen

#### How to view the Series at home:

Here are the different ways you can enjoy your episodes:

- 1) Watch for free in the mobile app (from anywhere in the world)! You can get it here: <a href="www.thechosen.tv/app">www.thechosen.tv/app</a> or search "The Chosen" in your Apple or Android app store. From the app, you can stream to your TV using another device, such as Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Android TV, Chromecast, etc. (Another sheet will explain how to cast to your TV)
- 2) You can purchase a Pay-it-Forward package in the app. This not only gives you lifetime digital access to season 1 of The Chosen, but it helps send streams all over the world to others who may not otherwise have the chance to watch.
- 3) Purchase the DVD/BluRay at the <u>The Chosen Store</u>: <a href="https://thechosengifts.com/">https://thechosengifts.com/</a> The disc set includes Spanish and English subtitles, and Spanish dubbed language. When you purchase the DVD, you also get digital access. Just log into the web/app with the same email and password you used to purchase the disc.
- 4) Watch on VidAngel using our mobile app for Android or iOS. If you'd like help getting started with VidAngel you can go here: <u>Getting Started With VidAngel</u>: <a href="https://vidangelsupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360055415792-How-Do-l-Get-Started-with-VidAngel-">https://vidangelsupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360055415792-How-Do-l-Get-Started-with-VidAngel-</a>
- 5) Finally, if you have purchased digital access, you can watch it on our player here: The Chosen web player: <a href="https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen">https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen</a>

The E-team at St Leo's would be delighted to help you figure out a way to view this awesome series, so contact us if none of the above works for you!

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## EPISODE 1

Video Length 54:35

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

►Isaiah 43:1

▶▶Luke 8:1-3

►► Mark 16:9

▶▶John 3:1

#### **CHARACTERS**

Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter & Andrew

#### The Bigger Questions:

What is your one BIG question from this episode?

What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?

#### Think on these things:

What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

## Quick Summary

We are introduced to Mary Magdalene & a few of the disciples, getting to know who they are before meeting Jesus.

The Pharisee Nicodemus attempts to exorcise a demon-possessed woman in Capernaum's Red Quarter named "Lilith" but is unsuccessful, causing him to question his faith.

The brothers Simon and Andrew, who are fishermen, struggle with their tax and gambling debts.

Following a failed suicide attempt,
"Lilith" returns to her father, who is
unable to help. As she is leaving, she
encounters Jesus Christ, who identifies
himself as the Creator of humanity and
calls her by her true name

Mary Magdalene.

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

- What did you think of how Matthew the tax collector and Simon Peter were portrayed?
- What did you think about how enticing wealth was for Matthew and yet how hated he was for his willingness to work for Rome and extort his fellow Jews?
- What were your impressions of Nicodemus and his helplessness before the demon-possessed Lilith/Mary Magdalene?
- We are being shown each character's "before Jesus" life. What does an encounter with Jesus do to people? What do you think an encounter with Jesus looks like today? How can an encounter with Jesus change you?
- What parts of your "before" has God redeemed and which are you most grateful for?
- How does "I have called you by name, you are mine" impact you today?



### **Quotable Quotes**

"What do we do when we are scared? We say the words ... Adonai's words from the prophet Isaiah: 'Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine." (as a child-Mary Magdalene and her father)

"What if it's more beautiful and strange than we could ever imagine?" (Nicodemus)

You are mine

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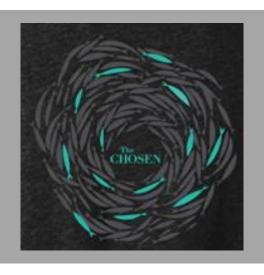
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## The Chosen Episode One

#### **Quick Summary**:

In Episode one, we are introduced to Mary Magdalene, who we know very little from the Bible. We know she was cured of seven demons and not much else. However, she was there at Jesus' crucifixion and his resurrection, so we can imagine she was a dedicated disciple.

Mary of Magdala may not be a Bible character you have personally empathized with before. You may also not have imagined what the normal life was like for Jesus' disciples: their daily work, troubles, family.

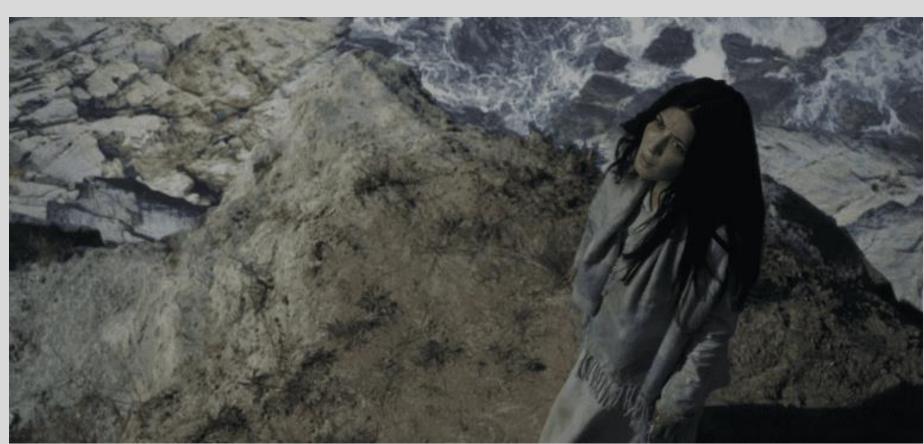
That will all change after watching this episode!

Isaiah 43:1 John 3:1 Luke 8:1-3 Mark 16: 9

#### **Cultural tidbit**

Jewish tax collectors were despised by Jewish people because they were seen as traitors to the Jewish people.

Mary was cured of "evil spirits" by Jesus (Luke 8:1-3). While the attempted exorcism from Nicodemus is a fictional story, there is evidence of Jewish exorcisms during this time. There is very little in the Old Testament about Jewish exorcisms, however King Saul suffered from an "evil spirit" and David was sent to play his harp to help Saul (1 Samuel 16:14-23).



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- ~It's interesting to see how the religious and political environment looked in Jesus' day. What kind of people did Jesus spend the least and most time with?
- ~Redeemed, called by name. How can we remind ourselves of this truth and live it out practically?
- ~Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
- ~Who was the more identifiable character for you: Nicodemus/Mary Magdalene? OR was it Matthew Simon or Andrew? Why?
- ~How are the portrayals of Matthew and Peter's characters different from your idea of their lives?
- ~ Did Simon Peter's marriage surprise you? Why?
- ~ What did you think about the timing of the appearance of Jesus? What were the filmmakers saying about Jesus' intentionality and timing?
- ~ In what ways can you identify with Lilith/Mary Magdalene?
- ~What do you think an encounter with Jesus looks like? How can an encounter with Jesus change you?
- ~ What has Jesus delivered you from and for?
- ~ Who is someone in your life who needs to "come and see" Jesus? Pray for that person, then go make the introduction. Trust Jesus to do the convincing.

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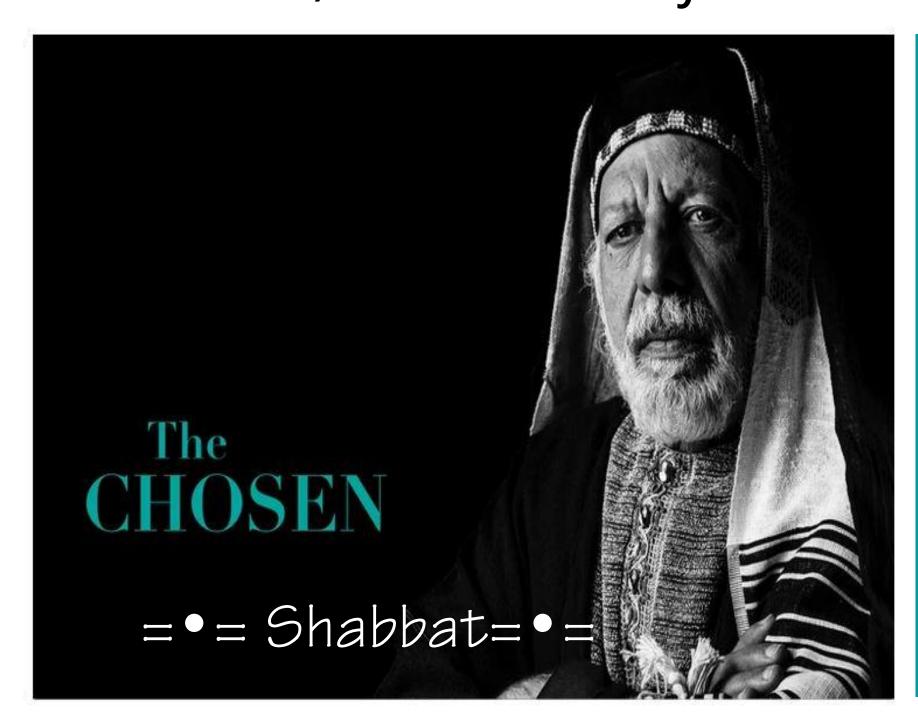


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## **EPISODE 2** 41:33

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#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

▶Genesis 2:1-3

▶► Mark 3:16-18

►Deuteronomy 5:12-15

▶▶John 1:46

▶ Proverbs 31:10-31

►► Revelation 3:20

#### **CHARACTERS**

Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter & Andrew

#### The Bigger Questions:

What is your one BIG question from this episode?

What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?

#### Think on these things:

What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

## Quick Summary

- The Shabbat/Sabbath from different perspectives. In this episode we see Jesus perform a miracle that the holy leaders cannot. We also get a little more background on the difficulties of being Jewish and living under Roman rule.
- Matthew validates Simon's arrangement with Praetor Quintus, Nicodemus investigates the miracle reported in the Red Quarter, •We learn more about the characters who will follow the great rabbi from Nazareth, and we learn a little more of Him, as well...

#### **QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP**

- Which Shabbat was Jesus a part of? What would your Shabbat look like?
- How do you feel about the development of Peter's character?
   And Andrew's role?
- Why was Nicodemus so shocked about the news of Mary Magdalene being seen in her right mind?
- How did you feel seeing Mary in her right mind, knowing it was her encounter with Jesus that delivered her?
- Simon(Peter) said to his wife Eden. "I've got this." When was a time in your life that you thought you could control your circumstances only to see them spin out of your control?
- Mary hosts her first Shabbat meal (Sabbath). How did that impact you?
   Seeing her turn to God and be so welcoming to others?

### **Quotable Quotes**



"I don't understand it myself.
I was one way and now I'm
completely different. And the
thing that happened in between
- was Him.
So yes. I will know Him for the
rest of my life!"
(Mary Magdalene)



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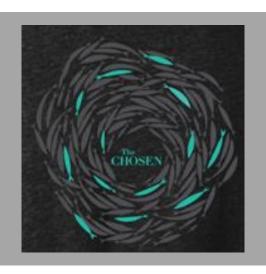
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## The Chosen Episode Two

#### **Quick Summary:**

How did Jesus worship God as a young adult Jewish man? Find out in this episode as we see Nicodemus pursue the woman who was miraculously healed after his failure. All of the Jews observe the weekly Shabbat dinner, which features a surprise visitor to Mary's house!

**Genesis 2:1-3 Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Proverbs 31:10-31** 

Mark 3:16-18 John 1:46 Revelation 3:20



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- ~When a miracle happens, are you one to question every detail, or just enjoy and celebrate it?
- ~ We are to rest and honor family, our people and God on the Sabbath, to refresh our souls. Rest is a restorative gift. How or are you utilizing it? Could you be utilizing it more, if so how?
- ~ Simon Peter and Andrew were in a tough position, what do you think about how they handled it?
- ~ How has your understanding of the role (and hatred toward) tax collectors been enhanced?
- ~ Matthew said that his father said he has no son. How did this impact your view of him?
- ~ Why do you think Jesus chose to go to the Shabbat he went to? Why didn't he choose the Shabbat Nicodemus was at? What does this say about Jesus' ministry?
- ~ Jesus invited Himself into Mary's Shabbat observance. How does that resonate with you?
- ~ Who is the last person you invited into your home/life for the purpose of telling them about what God has done in your life?

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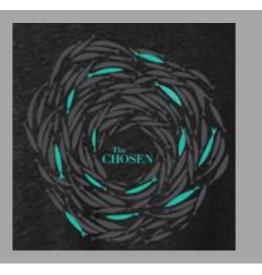
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### EPISODE 3

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30:27

#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ►Deuteronomy 6:4-5
- ►lsaiah 61:1-2,
- ►► Luke 4:18-19, Luke 18: 15-17
- ►► Mark 10:14
- ►► Matthew 6:9-15, Matthew 18:3-5

#### **CHARACTERS**

Jesus & the Children

#### The Bigger Questions:

What is your one BIG question from this episode?

What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?

## Quick Summary

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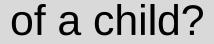
There is very little adult interaction - it is all about Jesus and the kids.

#### Think on these things:

What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

#### **QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP**

- Is it strange for you to think of Jesus as personable?
- What does it say to you that Jesus so intentionally made time for children? What about the amount of time that he spent with them?
- It was easy for Abigail to tell her friends about Jesus- how easy is it for you?
- Jesus was both playful and purposeful as He related to the children.
- What does that say about how we are to relate to others?
- In this episode, Jesus is seen praying routinely (meal times, bed time) and passionately. What is your prayer life like? How does this portrayal of Jesus' prayers encourage you?
- What would it take for you to trust Jesus afresh with the absolute faith





### **Quotable Quotes**

"I didn't see a sword or anything like that, so I don't think he'd kill us," (Abigail reassures Joshua.) "And he seemed nice. Do you have a sword, just in case?"

"Is your father rich?" (Joshua)

"That is a question for another time." (Jesus)

"I hope my next students ask the same questions. I hope when the time comes they will tell others about me like you have." (Jesus)

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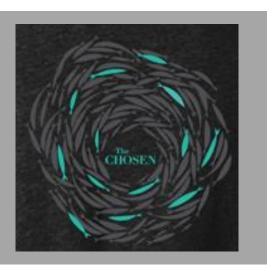
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Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 4:18-19, Luke 18: 15-17 Mark 10:14 Matthew 6:9-15, Matthew 18:3-

#### **Cultural tidbit**:

In this episode, Jesus is seen washing his feet before entering his bed. As a faithful Jewish man, Jesus followed the Jewish tradition of washing one's feet before entering a home. Foot washing is found throughout the Old Testament

and was a sign



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- ~ Jesus' responses to some of the children's questions seemed evasive or incomplete. Why do you think that is? And how does this relate to His responses to our questions?
- Jesus' gift reminded Abigail that He did not come only for the wealthy. How does that make you feel about Jesus? What does that mean about how we as His disciples treat people?
- ~ Why do you think Jesus welcomed these children? What does this say about how much He desires to welcome YOU?
- ~ "Adults need the faith of children." How can we intentionally make space for this in our faith and life?

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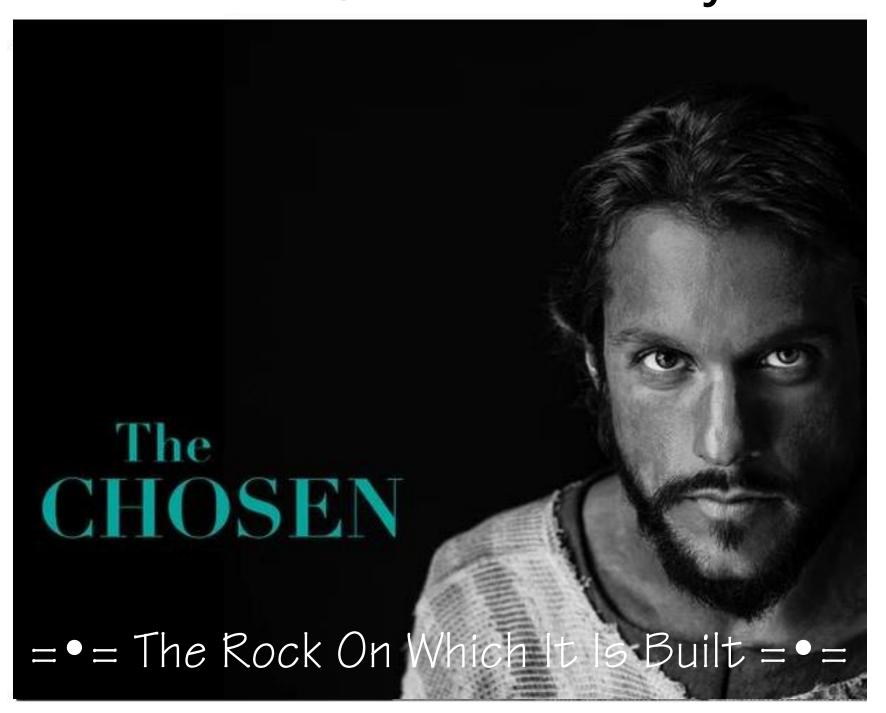
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Video Length

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#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ►► Matthew 13:47-52 Matthew 4:18-22 Matthew 3:1-7
- ▶▶Luke 8:10, Luke 5:1-11
- ▶▶John 1:29-34

#### **CHARACTERS**

Jesus, Matthew, James & John, Andrew & Simon Peter, Nicodemus, John the Baptist, Joseph of Arimathea, Zebedee

#### The Bigger Questions:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?

#### Think on these things:

"Where is your faith?" Eden asked.

Simon had not even realize how bitter and jaded he had become. This happens so easily and is such a relevant message for today.

# Quick Summary

During this hour we see Jesus teach about what it means to be fishers of men- and trust that God will take care of us. In this emotional episode some fishermen, who can't pay the heavy Roman taxes, are at the end of their ropes. Business is abysmal; an attempted deal with officials has gone badly, and they know that prison is imminent. They need a miracle--and then they encounter an itinerant teacher. He tells them He will redefine their careers: they will catch no more fish, but men.



#### **QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP**

- Jesus provided for Simon's physical need- but the miracle was more than that. He changed Simon's mindset, called him to something more!
- Not to riches, but to spreading the good news for the sake of others' souls. What soul work have we been called to?
- John the Baptist was considered a heretic, and crazy. If the religious leaders of Jesus' day were constantly missing the point- is it possible that we are missing some of the main points in our evangelical Christian culture?
- Share a moment in your life where the miracle of the fish has metaphorically happened for you. When you've thought there was absolutely no way that something would work, but God made it happen.
- What else has been revealed about Matthew's character? What do you think
- about the portrayal of him seeing Jesus at the lake?
- · Why did Nicodemus want to know if John had performed miracles? What did
- he suspect?
- How did it feel to see Zebedee encourage his sons to follow Jesus? Who encouraged you?



"People bark sometimes too" (Matthew speaking to his dog)

#### **Quotable Quotes**

(Eden to Simon Peter) "Where is your faith?" (Simon Peter) "Faith isn't going to get me more fish."

(Eden) "You have not pursued the Lord lately." You're off to try to fix it again... No more talking. Maybe God can get your attention now."

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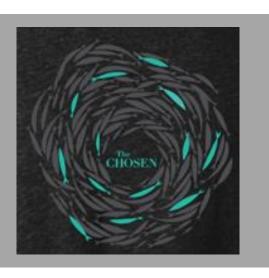
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## The Chosen Episode Four

#### **Quick Summary**

When a man is trying to provide for his family, desperate times call for desperate measures. Simon Peter reaches his lowest and most desperate point before Jesus intrudes in the best way possible. After watching this episode, you will never see of the *miracle of the fish* the same way.

Matthew 13:47-52, Matthew 4:18-22, Matthew 3:1-7 Luke 8:10, Luke 5:1-11 John 1:29-34



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- ~ Sometimes we forget how intense the teachings of Jesus were. His parables and teachings were not sanitized, feel-good messages. What do you think the impact of this miracle would have meant in the context of Jesus' time?
- ~ How did the weaving of Peter's backstory (all creative license) make you feel about the development of Peter's character?
- ~ The night of the Sea of Galilee amplified the encounter with Jesus in the morning. Have you ever experienced Jesus coming to you after a "dark night" in your life? Share if you feel comfortable doing so.
- ~ Andrew met Jesus through John the Baptist and is confident He's the Messiah. What do you think about his longing for Simon Peter to know Jesus? Who is your "Peter?"
- ~ What was the role of John the Baptist? (Luke 1:8-17, Luke 3:1-9) How is this also our role as the church?
- ~ Jesus told the fisher brothers that they would become fishers of men. What did that mean for them? Is that our mission as well? Why or why not?

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### EPISODE 5

Video Length

56:28

#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

►Jeremiah 33:10-16, ►►John 2:1-12

►1 Kings 19:19-21, ►► Luke 2:41-52

▶Proverbs 30:4

#### **CHARACTERS**

Jesus, Mary the Mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, Nicodemus, Simon Peter, Thomas

#### The Bigger Questions:

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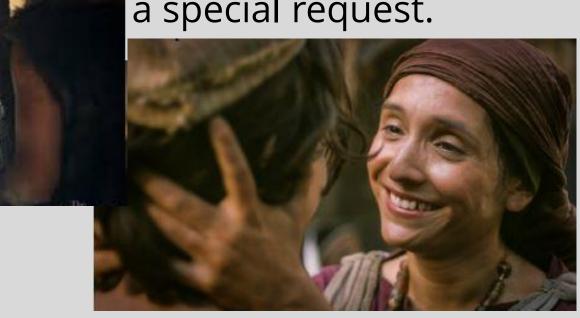
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## Quick Summary

In this beautiful, happy episode, we first see Jesus in a definitive moment of His childhood, which provides us important clues to His career ahead. Fast-forward to adulthood: He has begun to call followers, but at first they're confused. Yes, they believe; what do they do next? Nicodemus interrogates John the Baptizer while Jesus and his students make their way to a wedding celebration in Cana.

During the ceremony, Jesus' mother Mary makes a special request.



#### **QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP**

- How do you think Jesus's parents struggled in raising Him?
- Instead of condemning John, Nicodemus sat down and said "Tell me about your ministry." When's the last time you sat down and talked to someone you might not agree with and simply said "Tell me more."?
- This passage is often viewed as Jesus correcting/ directing his mother, but that's not the path the show took. What are your thoughts of this interpretation?
- What did you think of Eden's response to Simon Peter's calling?
- Just as the servants had to draw the water before they saw the miracle, what are ways you can step out in faith because of God's promises?
- Jesus reassures Thomas that while it's' good to ask questions, that we won't always understand the answers, or even get the answers. How do you handle this?
   Quotable Quotes



"(Nicodemus to John the Baptist)

"I am looking in places I would never go because I am searching for an explanation for something I cannot unsee."

(John the Baptist to Nicodemus) "He is here to awaken the earth, but some will not want to waken. They are in love with the dark. I wonder which one you'll be."

(Ramah to Thomas)
"He gave us even more than we need."

(Thomas) "From the instructions you have provided I see no logical solution to the problem. (Jesus) "It's going to be like that sometimes, Thomas"

(Jesus to His Mother) "It is to early for all of this" (Mary to her Son Jesus) "If not now, when?"

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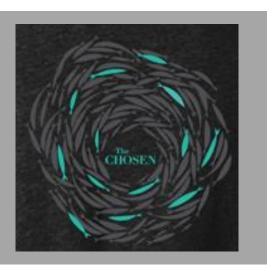
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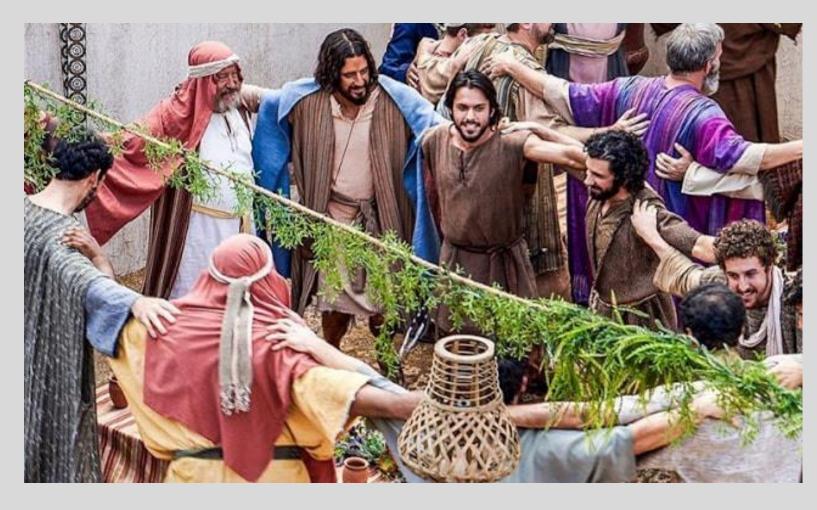
1 Kings 19:19-21 Proverbs 30:4 John 2:1-12 Luke 2:41-52

#### **Cultural tidbit**

"Blessed are You O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine" is a traditional Jewish blessing.

The chuppah is a canopy beneath the Jewish marriage ceremonies are conducted.

The four openings symbolize hospitality to one's guests and the new home of the couple



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~What did it feel like to witness Jesus as you would be witness friends or normal people socializing and enjoying each others company?

~During the wedding feast, the writers help us imagine what the disciples might have discussed about Jesus. In the scene Peter states, "I do not know why he picked me," and dismisses himself as unqualified to follow Jesus. How have you been like Peter in this scene?

~ Have you ever felt like Simon Peter or Andrew when they said the following?

On their way with Jesus and other disciples to the wedding of Jesus' childhood friend in Cana, Simon says to Andrew: "I don't want to let Him down." Andrew responds, "I don't want to do it wrong."

If comfortable please share about it

~How have you reacted when someone has told you they encountered Jesus?



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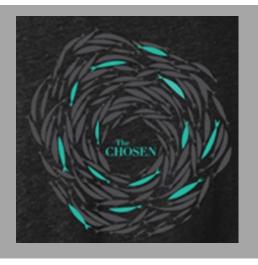
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#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ► Matthew 8:1-4, Matthew 6: 1-18
- ►Mark 2:1-12
- ►Luke 12: 36-48, Luke 18:1-14,

#### **CHARACTERS**

Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Simon Peter, Andrew, Tamar, The Leper, James, John, The Paralytic

#### The Bigger Questions:

What is your one BIG question from this episode?

What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?

#### Think on these things:

What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

# Quick Summary

In this episode of the greatest adventure in history, Jesus' followers are asking questions, learning about their charismatic rabbi, slowly gaining faith, and witnessing some very incredible things! Their excitement is growing; people are paying attention.

Jesus heals and urges people to remember to be vigilant with their faith, remembering that no one person is greater than any other. We are all God's beloved creation. While the following of Jesus is growing, His enemies are also growing in number.





#### **QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP**

- Which part of this episode was the most different from how you imagined it being after reading the passage in Scripture?
- Who would you equate with a tax collector today? Who/what is a Roman soldier? Who/what is a Jewish citizen?
- "We can do both", walking the road that has been laid out for us and also keeping our eyes open. What did you think of Nicodemus' speech?
- It's easy to cling to our God shaped boxes.
- There was a LOT of compassion emphasized in this episode. From not giving publicly to the healing of a leper. How did Jesus preach about and show compassion? Do you think there is a difference between compassion, giving, empathy and good will?
- What's holding you back from the kind of bold faith the leper had?
- How can you connect, as Jesus did, with people in your life who aren't part of the "in" crowd? **Quotable Quotes**



(Nicodemus)"If God did something that you felt contradicted the Torah, would you tell Him to get back in that box you have have cared for him, or would you question your interpretation of the Torah?"

(Matthew) "They don't believe what I saw, but I do. I need to know, am I deceived?"

> (Jesus to Tamar) "Your faith is beautiful."

(the Leper) "Please don't turn away from me." (Jesus) "I won't."

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(John says to Simon) "Simon, you don't need to be His bodyguard—I think He can handle anything! He called you to catch men." (Simon replies) "I don't even know what that means."

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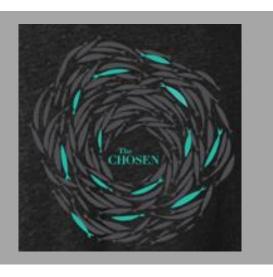
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## The Chosen Episode Six

#### **Quick Summary**

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While the following of Jesus is growing, His enemies are also growing in number.

Matthew 8:1-4, Matthew 5:14-6

Luke 12: 36-48, Luke 18:1-14 Mark 2:1-12



# BIXE BEFER

- ~ In order to take such extreme measures, what must the four men, who carried their friend, have believed about Jesus?
- ~ Let's talk about Leprosy. Leprosy is one of the major diseases in the time of Jesus. It was the sickness that renders a person no longer worthy of dignity, love or community.

Are there any "like" situations in our society today that would cause a person to no longer have dignity?

How do you think Jesus would treat them?

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## EPISODE 7

Video Length 37:10

#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ► Psalm 2:11-12
- ▶Numbers 21:4-9
- ►► Matthew 9:9-13
- ▶▶John 3:1-21

#### **CHARACTERS**

Jesus, Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene

#### The Bigger Questions:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?

#### Think on these things:

What quote or character from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful for you? Why?

# Quick Summary

This episode starts with a thousand year flashback to Moses.

Jesus continues to call His followers, forging a core group of people He will prepare for fantastic works ahead.

These disciples have various backgrounds, and many personal issues; but they are prepared to follow their kind, brilliant, miracleworking rabbi anywhere He goes. Jesus talks to Nicodemus.

#### #GetUsedToDifferent





#### **QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP**

- Reflect on Nicodemus' journey to Jesus. How did he go from being a devout Pharisee to sitting in front of Jesus?
- How do you recognize the effect of the Spirit in your life?
- Did it surprise you how quickly Matthew agreed to follow Jesus? Especially in comparison to how timid Nicodemus was?
- It can be shocking to read stories like the bronze snake. What caused the Israelites to suffer? God demands obedience and faith. What daily habits can we develop and strengthen to become as quick to obedience as Matthew was.
- What did you think of Peter's reaction to Jesus calling Matthew? How can you have the same reaction today?



### **Quotable Quotes**

(Jesus to Nicodemus) "If I have told you of earthly things, and you do not believe, how can I tell you heavenly things?"

(Matthew) "My whole world, everything I thought I knew, what if its wrong?"

(Nicodemus) "My whole life I have wondered if I would see this day."

Jesus: "Get used to different."

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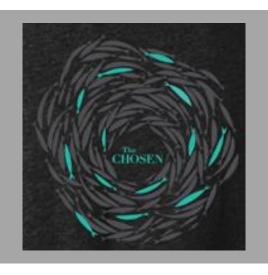
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## The Chosen Episode Seven

#### **Quick Summary**

"Invitations," is quite possibly the most beloved episode of the series, which includes the portrayal of the most famous chapter in the Bible, John 3, the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus.

This episode starts with a 1300 year flashback to a little known story of Moses and the Israelites during the exodus.

Jesus continues to call His followers, forging a core group of people He will prepare for fantastic works ahead. These disciples have various backgrounds, and many personal issues; but they are prepared to follow their kind, brilliant, miracle-working rabbi anywhere He goes.

Jesus talks to Nicodemus.

#GetUsedToDifferent

Psalm 2:11-12 Numbers 21:4-9 Matthew 9:9-13 John 3:1-21



# RIVE REPER

- ~ Nicodemus had some struggles within this episode, how do you relate to Nicodemus. If you feel compelled to share please do so.
- ~ Simon Peter was questioning Jesus' choice in picking Matthew,

Simon says to Jesus,

"Whoa, do You have any idea what this guy has done? I don't get it."

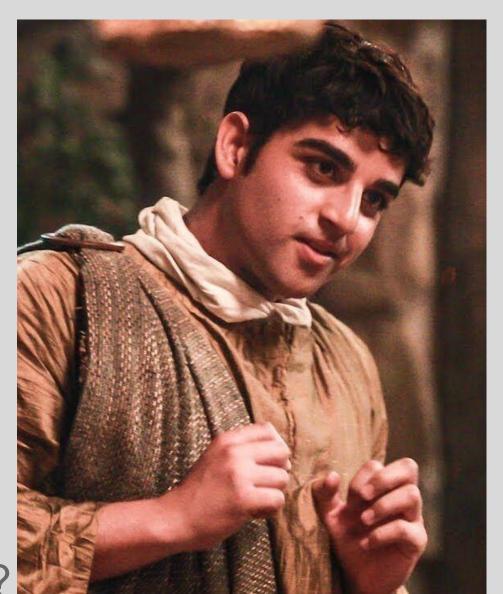
Jesus answers,

"You didn't get it when I chose you, either."

Simon: "But this is different."

Jesus: "Get used to different."

Have you ever had a similar conversation with God?



~ If you feel like sharing- what is your story of encountering Jesus/God/the Holy Spirit? Do you feel you have a relationship with anyone in the Trinity?

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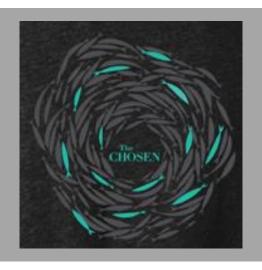
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## EPISODE 8

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52:10

#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ►Genesis 33:18-20, Genesis 16 ►
- ►Hosea 6:6
- ▶Daniel 7:13-14

- ►► Matthew 9:9-13, 8:14-15
- ►► Mark 2:13-17
- ▶► Luke 4:38-39
- ►►John 4:1-42

#### **CHARACTERS**

Jesus, Nicodemus, Simon Peter, Mary Magdalene, Andrew, Eden, Simon's Mother-in-law, Samaritan Woman

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## Quick Summary

This finale episode from Season 1 also begins with a flashback, this time to Jacob's Well.

Fast forward to Simon's house for a miraculous visit.

Then Jesus and his students leave
Capernaum while under pressure from religious and Roman authorities. The apostles drawing together, still confused, yet anxious for the Kingdom to come.
Jesus makes a surprise stop at Jacob's Well for an important encounter. And with this encounter, His "career" finally becomes public.



#### **QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP**

- Obedience at the risk of ridicule and opposition from others, or that threatens our usual way of life seems impossible. Discuss the different ways people (Simon, Eden, Matthew, Nicodemus, etc) reacted to Jesus' directions, the directions of family, and from peers. How is this true in our own lives?
- Jesus mentions several times that he's not trying to make his followers lives 'easy', nor is he here to deliver them from their oppressive government.
- What is Jesus' purpose in coming and in bringing His disciples to follow him?
- What was significant about Jesus choosing to talk to a Samaritan woman? How can you model that today?
- Do some self reflection, has there ever been a time in your life where you were as excited about Jesus as the woman at the well was? How can we bring back some of that excitement? **Quotable Quotes**



(Jesus) "Listen, if we are going to have a question and answer session everytime we do something you are not used to, this is going to be a very annoying time together for all of us."

(Jacob) "We didn't choose him, he chose us."

(Eden to Simon Peter) "Thank you." (Simon Peter) "For what?" (Eden) "For following Him."

(Jesus to Eden) "You saw it first, you know?... What I see in Simon, you were the first person to notice when no one else did. That connects us."

".... But i see you.

(Samaritan woman) "I am rejected by others.' (Jesus:) "I know. But



(Samaritan woman) "I'm going to tell everyone!" (Jesus) "I was counting on it."

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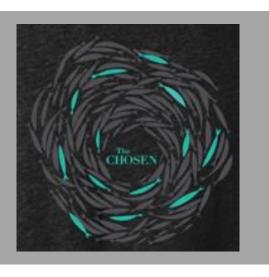
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(Simon) "You told her who You are? So does that mean ...?" (Jesus) "It means we're going to stay here for a couple days. It's been a long time of sowing, but the fields are ripe for harvest." (Simon) "And so it's time?" (Jesus) "Let's go." (Simon) YES!

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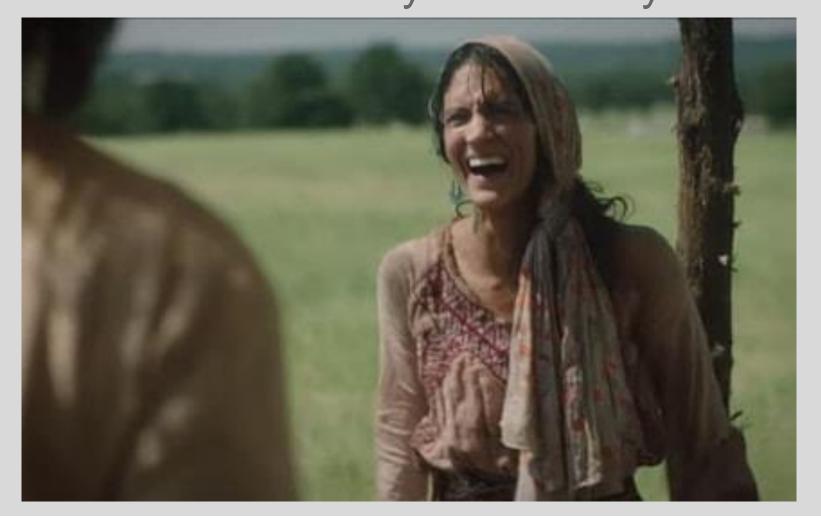
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#### **Cultural Tidbit**

Samaritan women were regarded by Jews as ritually impure, and therefore Jews were forbidden to drink from any vessel they had handled.



# BIXE BEFPER

~ Who were the first that were told about Jesus' birth?

~ Who did He first tell about His ministry?

What were their social status'?

Throw Me like a stone in the water; watch the mud rise up.

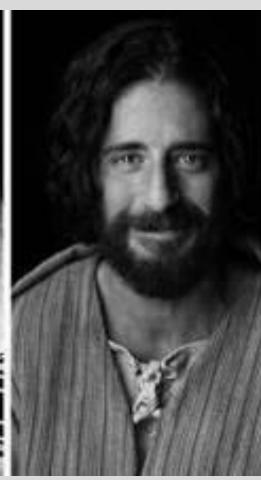
Dress Me like a Lamb for the slaughter, pour Me in Your Cup.

Should have known we'd bring trouble—trouble gonna find you here.

Trouble, trouble, trouble."











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