

Study Guide



Introduction

*The Story of Jesus:
For Us*

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 believe that as you encounter of the characters in **The Chosen** each week for the next eight weeks, 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. We suggest you only view one video per week and allow the reflection questions and Personal Next Steps to guide you along.

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!

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: www.thechosen.tv/app 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.

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 [The Chosen Store](#)

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.

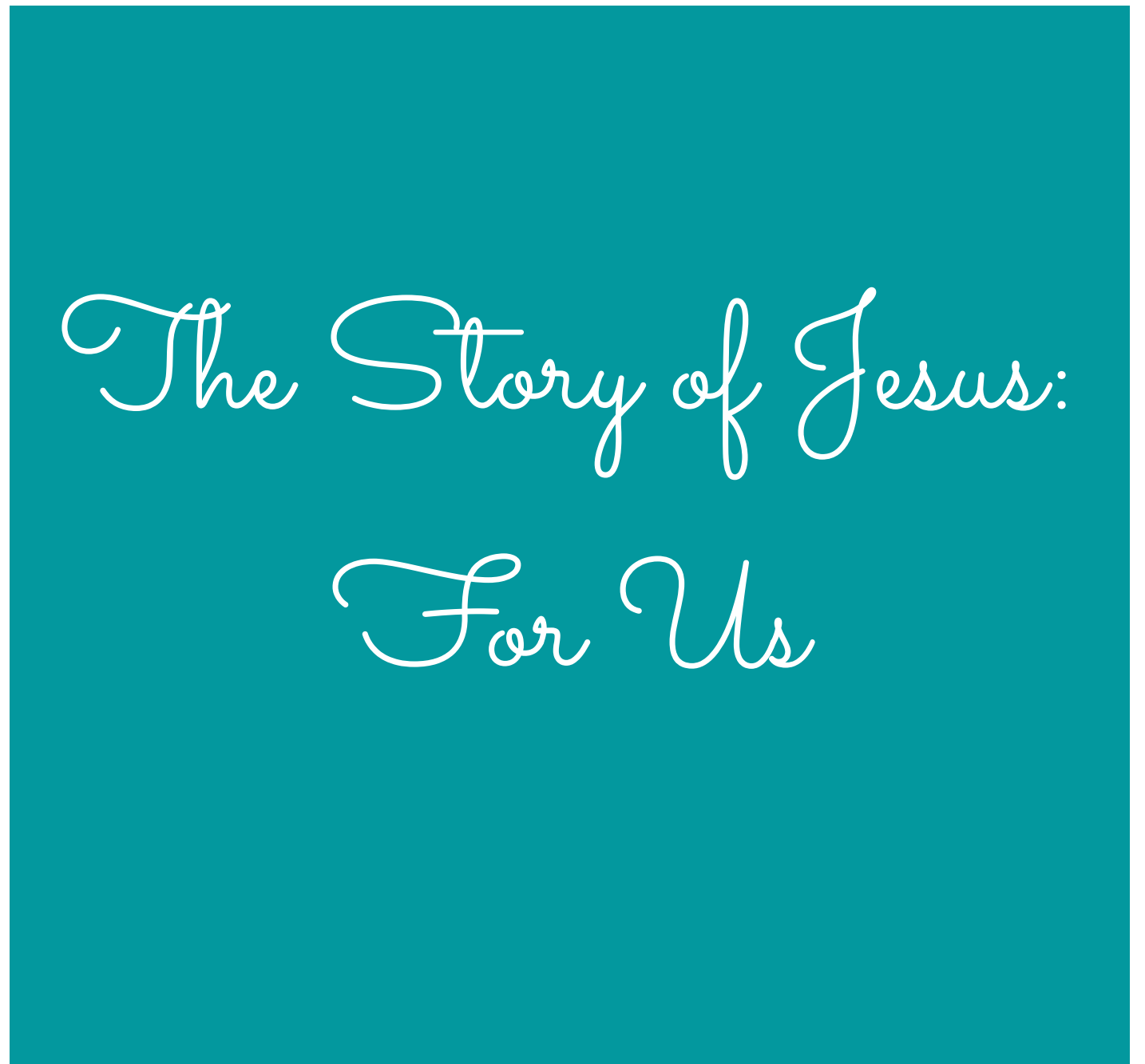
4) Watch on VidAngel using our mobile app for Android or iOS. If you'd like help getting started with VidAngel you can go here: [Getting Started With VidAngel](#)

The Chosen Store: <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen/store>



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Episode 1



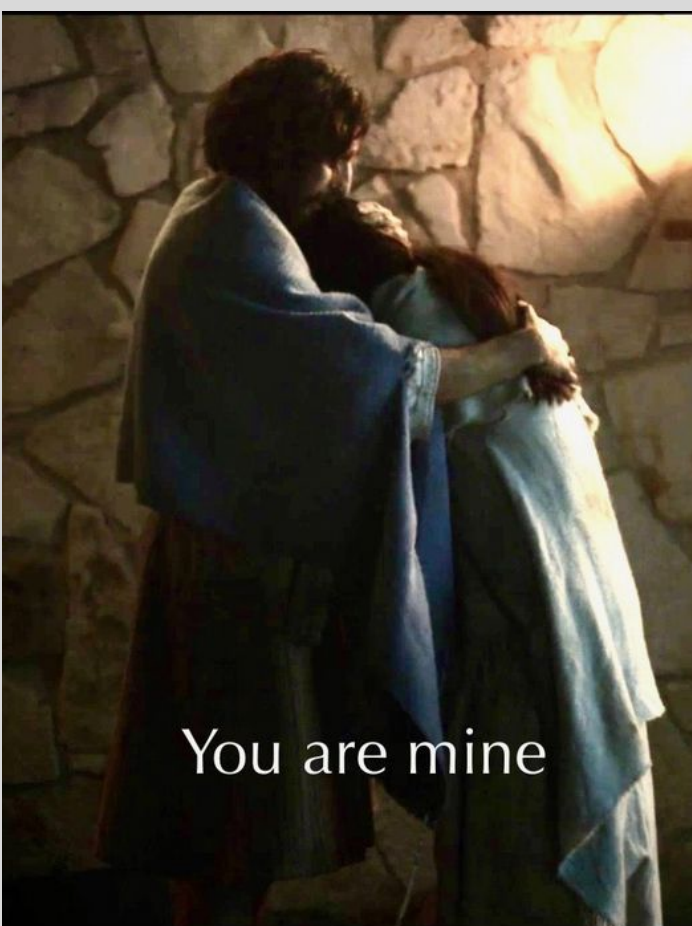
WARNING!

This episode does contain some disturbing images & mature content. Please use caution when viewing with younger children.

EPISODE 1

CHARACTERS

Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter & Andrew



After reading through the summary, watch this episode, then work through the reflection questions.

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.

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EPISODE 1- I Have Called You By Name



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EPISODE 1

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Isaiah 43:1
- ▶ John 3:1
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 9:5

CHARACTERS

Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Andrew

The Big Question:

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

Bring to Group:

Write a paragraph about how this episode helped you think about **Jesus' intentionality and timing** in His encounters with people.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. Who was the more identifiable character for you - Nicodemus/Mary Magdalene? Why?
3. Did Peter's marriage surprise you? Why?
4. 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?
5. What did you think about the timing of the appearance of Jesus? What were the filmmakers saying about Jesus' intentionality and timing?
6. What were your impressions of Nicodemus and his helplessness before the demon-possessed Mary Magdalene?

EPISODE 1

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

7. In what ways can you identify with Mary Magdalene?
8. We are being shown each character's "before Jesus" life. What does an encounter with Jesus do to people? How is your encounter with Jesus changing YOU?
9. What parts of your "before" has God redeemed, and which are you most grateful for?
10. How does "I have called you by name, you are mine" impact you today?
11. What has Jesus delivered you *from* and *for*?
12. 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.

QUOTES

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

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EPISODE 1– I Have Called You By Name

Personal Next Steps...

Renew and Refresh-

Take time to read through the scriptural references on the first page of this episode guide.

Self-Check-

Take some time this week to timeline key events in your life where you experienced Jesus pursuing you.

Are you currently running from Jesus regarding some area or situation in your life? How can remembering Jesus' kindness toward you in the past, influence your decision making in this situation?

Go Forth-

This episode depicted God's individual pursuit of each person He has created. Who can I share this incredible news with who is outside of my faith community?

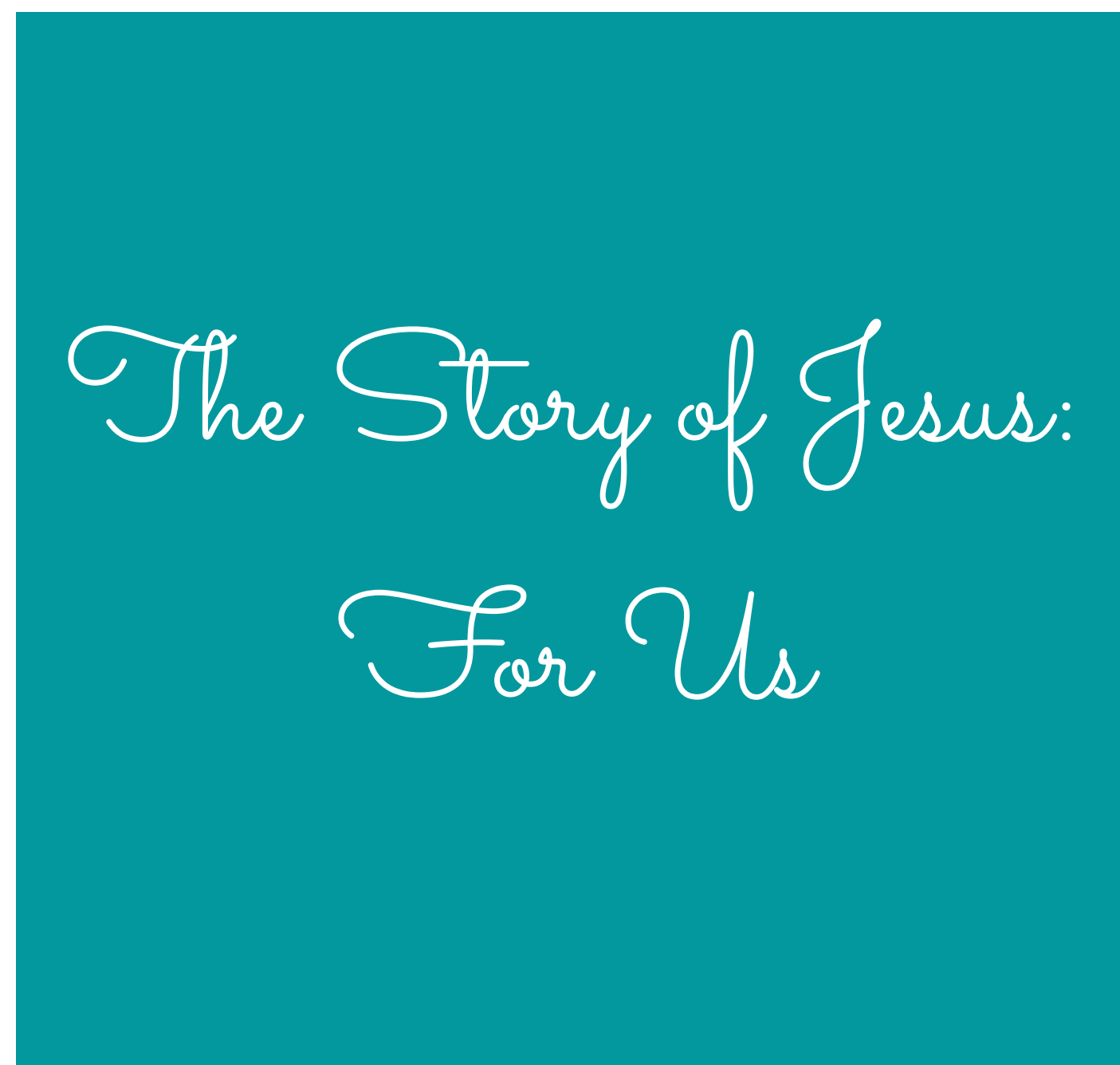
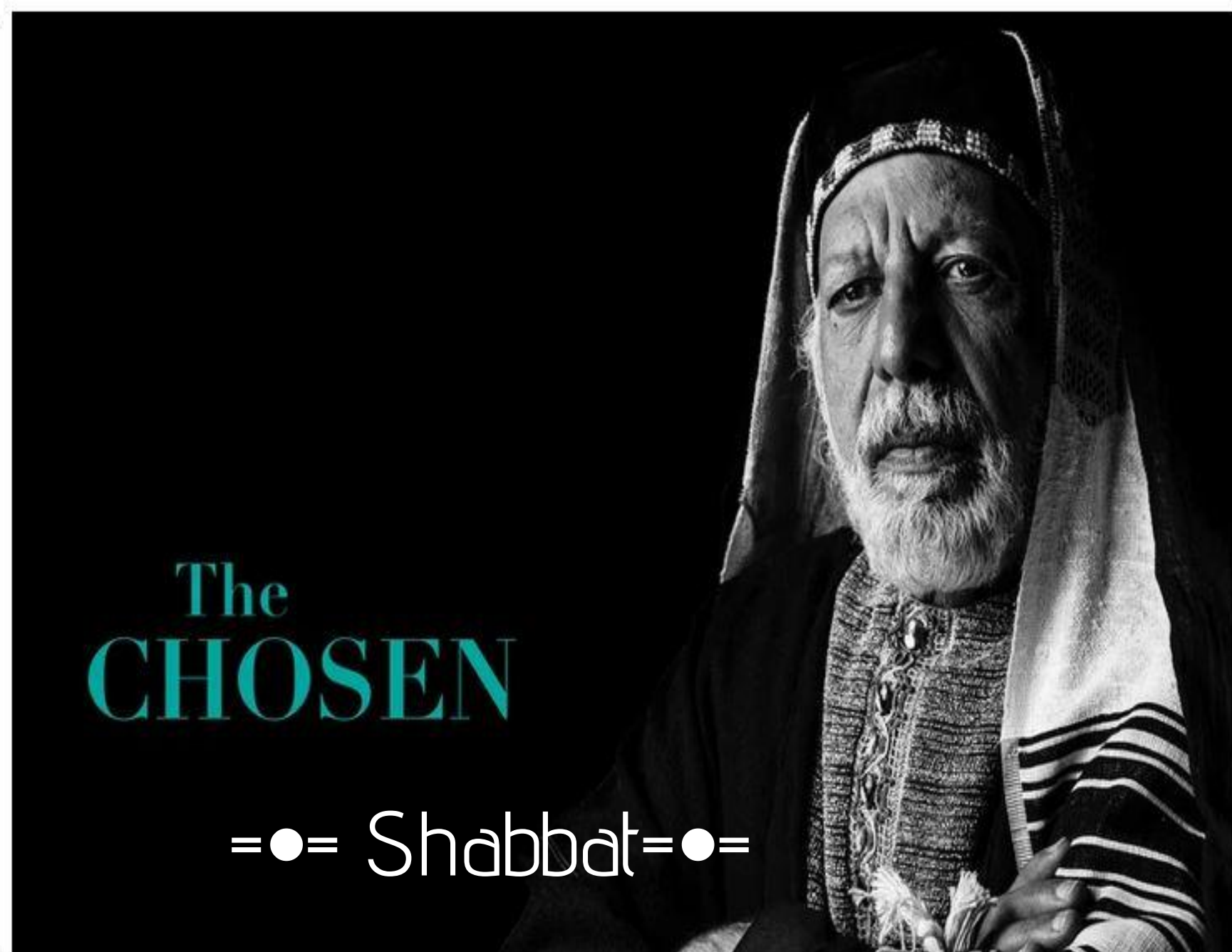
Pray-

Thank God for His relentless pursuit of you. Ask God to help you see where you may be running from Him. Ask Him for courage to turn toward Him with all of the situations you are currently dealing with. Ask God to give you confidence and the words when sharing about faith in Christ.



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Episode 2



EPISODE 2

CHARACTERS

Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter & Andrew



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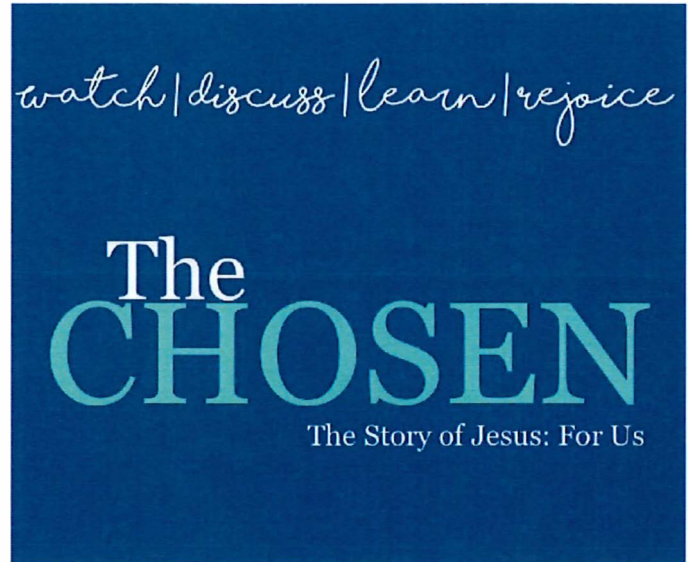
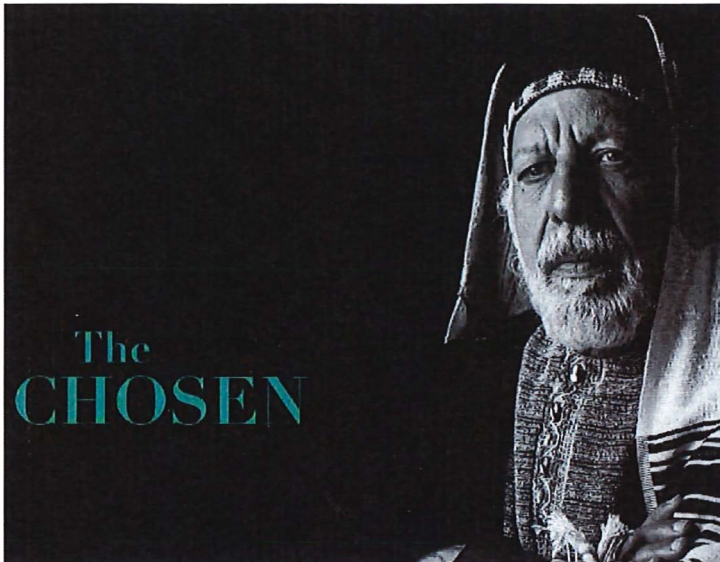
Quick Summary

- 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.

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EPISODE 2- Shabbat



EPISODE 2

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Mark 3:16-18
- ▶ Revelation 3:20
- ▶ Mark 16:9, Luke 8:2
- ▶ John 1:46
- ▶ Proverbs 31:10-31
- ▶ Genesis 2:1-3

CHARACTERS

Quintus, Gaius, Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Andrew, James and John

The Big Question:

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

Bring to Group:

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

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. How has your understanding of the role (and hatred toward) tax collectors been enhanced?
3. How do you feel about the development of Peter's character? And Andrew's role?
4. Why was Nicodemus so shocked about the news about Mary Magdalene being seen in her right mind?
5. Matthew said that his father said he has no son. How did this impact your view of him?
6. How did you feel seeing Mary in her right mind, knowing it was her encounter with Jesus that delivered her?

EPISODE 2

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

7. 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?
8. Nicodemus' history lesson about Antiochus leads to a significant question, "Who is responsible for suppressing our worship now?" when he sees the priests dining in extravagance. What was going through his mind? How is our worship suppressed or distracted these days?
9. Mary hosts her first Shabbat meal (Sabbath). How did that impact you? Seeing her turn to God and be so welcoming to others?
10. Jesus invited Himself into Mary's Shabbat observance. How does that resonate with you?
11. Who is the last person you invited into your life/home for the purpose of telling them about what God has done in your life?

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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EPISODE 2– Shabbat

Personal Next Steps...

Renew and Refresh-

Take time to read through the scriptural references on the first page of this episode guide.

Self-Check-

Think about some ways you can celebrate God's work in your life. Would you journal to Him, take a walk alone with Him, what could you do?

Where are some areas in your life that God may encourage you to slow down

Go Forth-

This episode showed people remembering and celebrating God's incredible creative work.

Who can I share this powerful story with who may not have heard about their Creator?

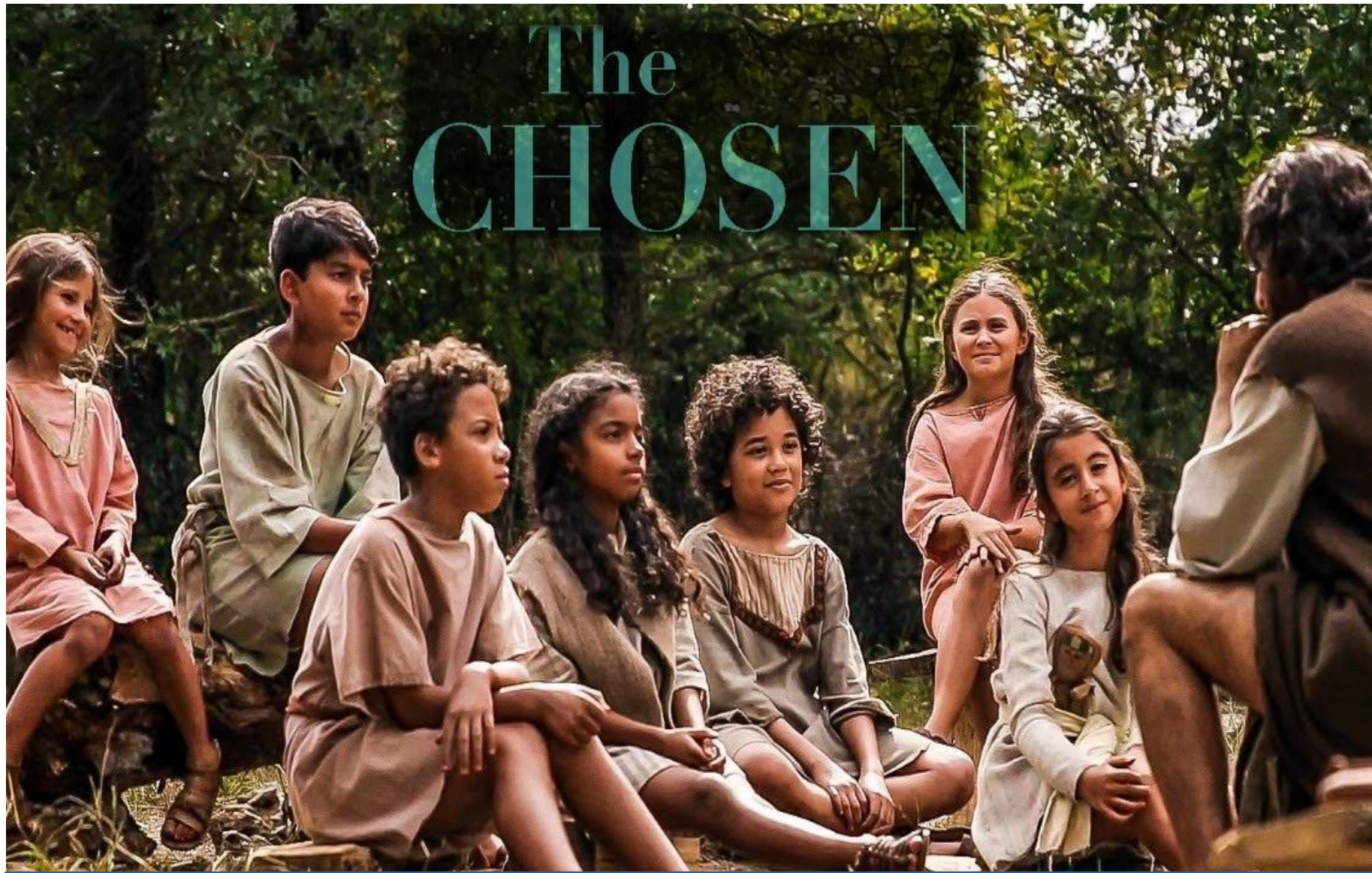
Pray-

Thank God for creating and redeeming you. Ask God to help you see where you may need to celebrate Him more and treat your soul to some rest.



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Episode 3



=●= Jesus Loves the Little Children =●=

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EPISODE 3

CHARACTERS

Jesus & the children



Quick Summary

Begging the question- do you embrace a childlike faith? This beautiful episode of The Chosen introduces us to some children, who demonstrate for us how to listen to Jesus. The bold and simple faith of childhood is on display. They are naturally entranced by His kindness and gentleness with them; and they learn a great deal from His simple message of love and grace.

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

After reading through the summary, watch this episode, then work through the reflection questions.

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EPISODE 3- Jesus Loves the Little Children



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EPISODE 3

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Mark 10:14, Matt 18:3-5 ▶ Matthew 5-7
- ▶ Deuteronomy 6:4-5 ▶ Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 4:18-19
- ▶ Matthew 6:9-15 ▶ John 12:28, 17:1

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Children

The Big Question:

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

Bring to Group:

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

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. How did Jesus' treatment of the children impact you?
3. Jesus was both playful and purposeful as He related to the children. What does that say about how we are to relate to others?
4. 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?
5. Jesus' responses to some of the children's questions seemed evasive or incomplete. Why do you think that is? And how does relate to His responses to our questions?

EPISODE 3

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

7. 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?
8. Why do you think Jesus welcomed these children? What does this say about how much He desires to welcome **you**?
9. What would it take for you trust Jesus afresh - with the absolute faith of a child?

QUOTES

"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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EPISODE 3– Jesus Loves the Little Children

Personal Next Steps...

Renew and Refresh-

Take time to read through the scriptural references on the first page of this episode guide.

Self-Check-

Waiting for God to judge evil can be frustrating when you are the one who has been wronged or hurt. Is there someone you are “punishing” as payback for a wrong they’ve caused you? What could be a more God honoring response?

What could you do to begin or to restore your childlike trust in Jesus Christ?

Go Forth-

Jesus stated that His Father sent Him to announce good news to the poor, announce prisoners would be freed, and the blind would see.

Who could I share this incredible news with that may not have heard about Him?

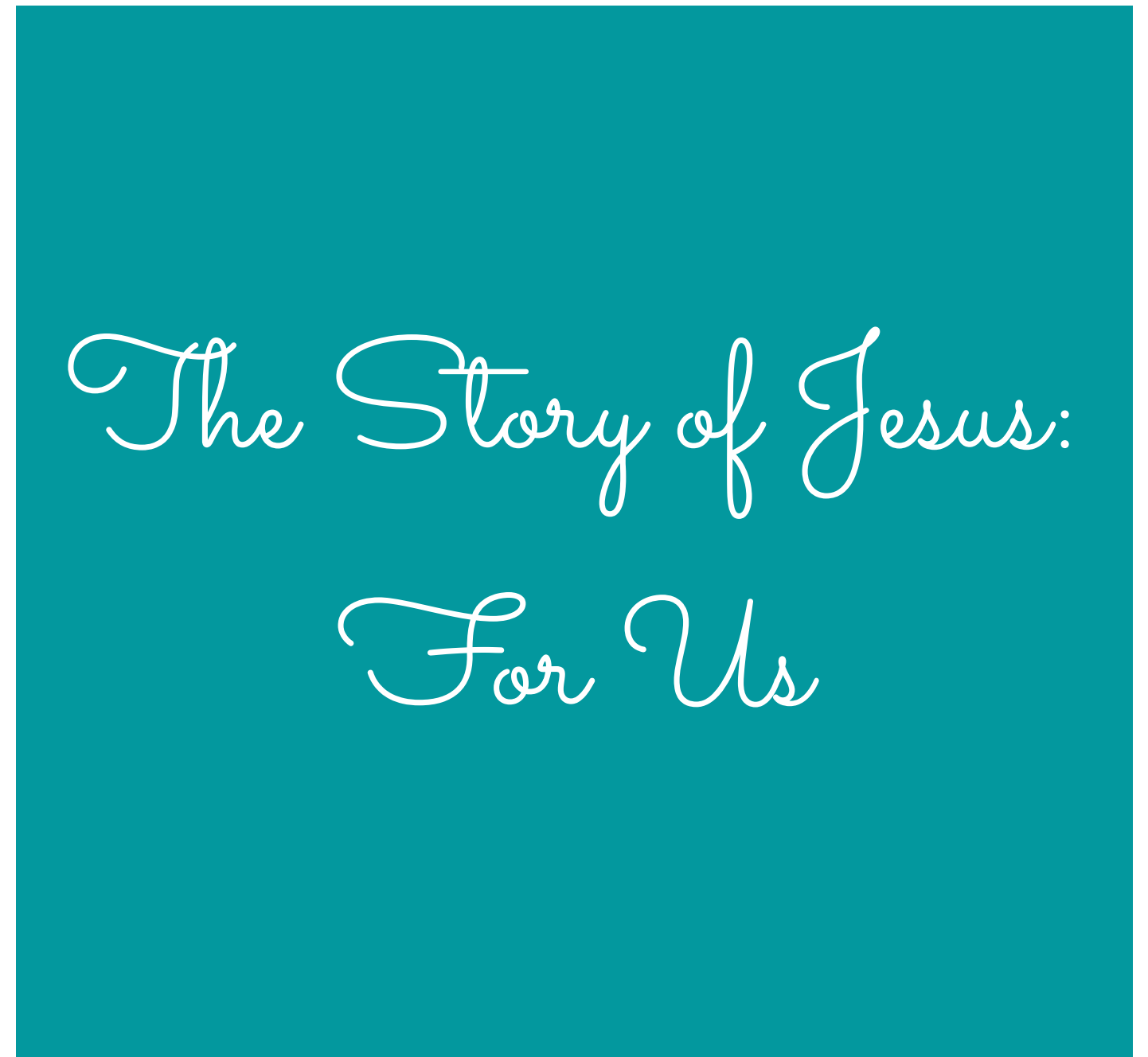
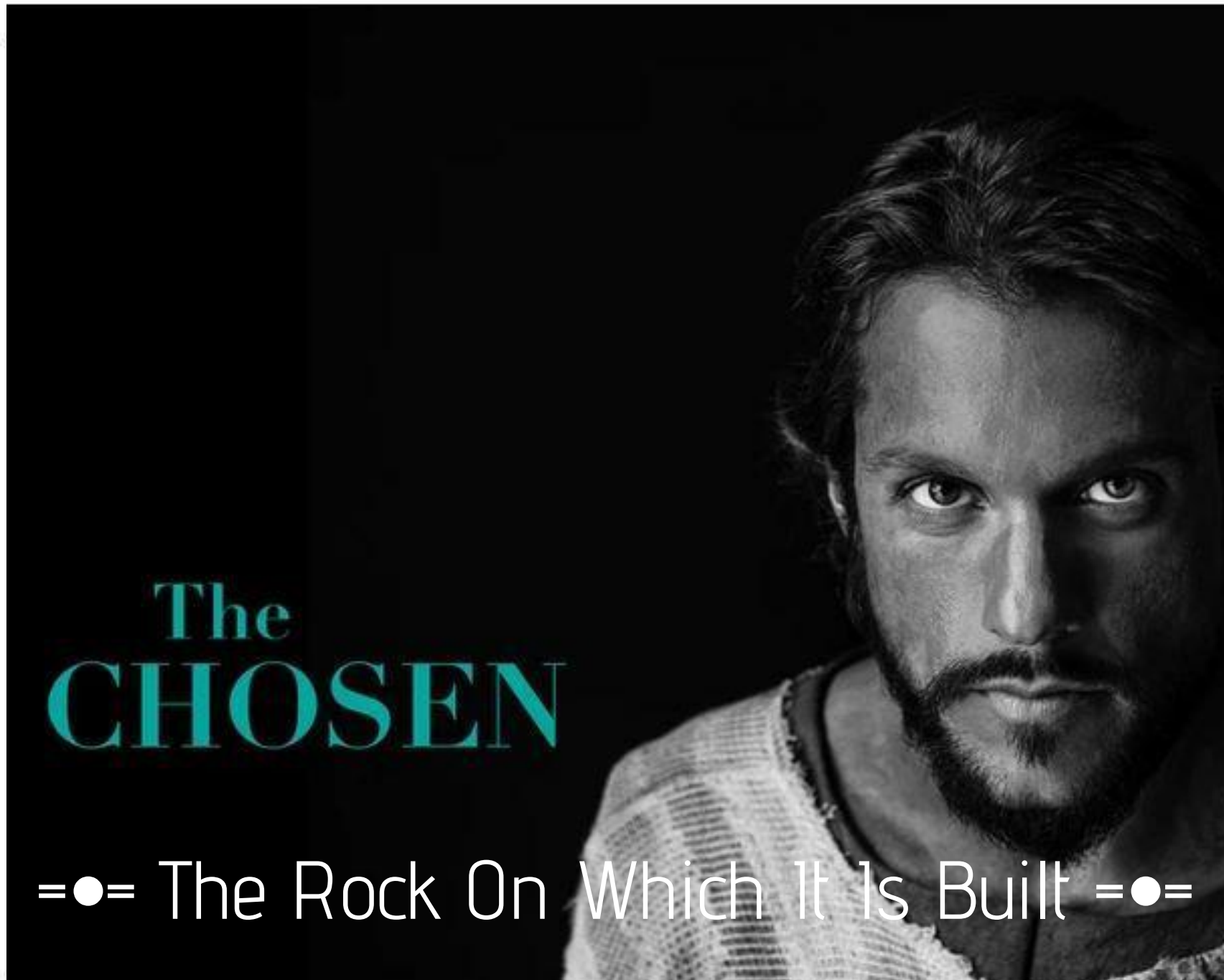
Pray-

Thank your heavenly Father that He did not send Jesus only to the wealthy and people of status. Ask God to show you ways you can copy Jesus’ willingness to engage with all peoples.



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Episode 4



EPISODE 4

CHARACTERS

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



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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.

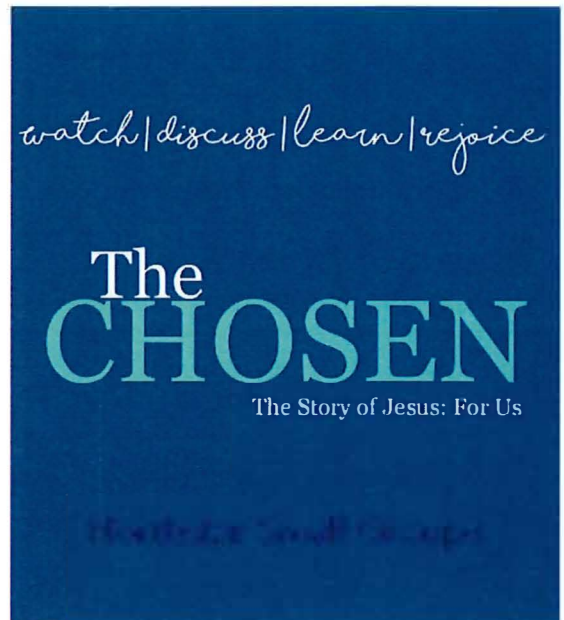
In this emotional episode some fishermen, who can't pay the heavy Roman taxes, are at the end of their ropes. Business is abysmal; an attempted deal with officials has gone badly, and they know that prison is imminent. They need a miracle--and then they encounter an itinerant teacher. He tells them He will redefine their careers: they will catch no more fish, but men.



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EPISODE 4- The Rock On Which It Is Built



EPISODE 4

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Matthew 13:47-52
- ▶ Matthew 4:18-22
- ▶ Luke 8:10
- ▶ Luke 5:1-11
- ▶ Matthew 3:1-7

CHARACTERS

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

The Big Question:

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

Bring to Group:

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

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. How did the weaving of Peter's backstory (all creative license) make you feel about the development of Peter's character?
3. The night on the Sea of Galilee amplified the encounter with Jesus in the morning. Have you ever experiencing Jesus coming to you after a "dark night" in your life? Would you share?
4. What more do you learn about Matthew's character? What do you think about the portrayal of him seeing Jesus at the lake?
5. Andrew met Jesus through John the Baptist and is confident He's the Messiah. What do you think about his longing for Peter to know Jesus? Who is your "Peter?"

EPISODE 4

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

6. Why did Nicodemus want to know if John had performed miracles? What did he suspect?
7. 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?
8. How did it feel to see Zebedee encourage his sons to follow Jesus? Who encouraged you?
9. 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?

QUOTES

Edith to Peter: "Where is your faith?"

Peter: "Faith isn't going to get me more fish."

Edith: "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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EPISODE 4– The Rock On Which It Is Built

Personal Next Steps...

Renew and Refresh-

Take time to read through the scriptural references on the first page of this episode guide.

Self-Check-

When you have a serious need like Peter did in the episode, and God does not perform a miracle for you, what does that do to your faith?

Jesus could have told Peter he had to get himself out of his own jam; after all, Peter's troubles were brought on by himself. How does Jesus' rescuing Peter from his bad choices shape how you see Jesus helping you?

Go Forth-

Matthew's faith and John the Baptizer's faith is stirred by Jesus' miracle. Is there someone you know whose faith would be stirred if they heard about God doing something miraculous in your life?

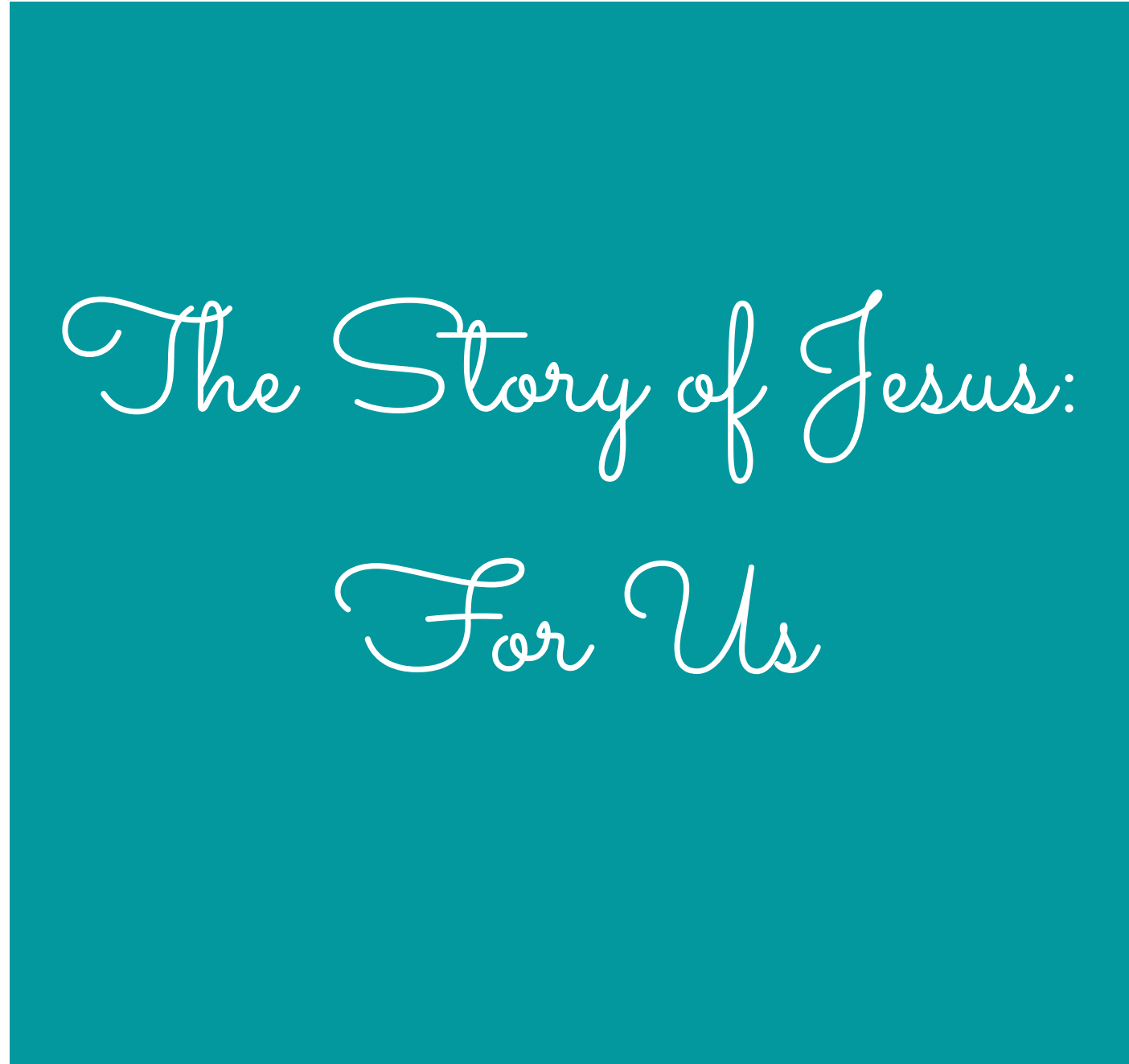
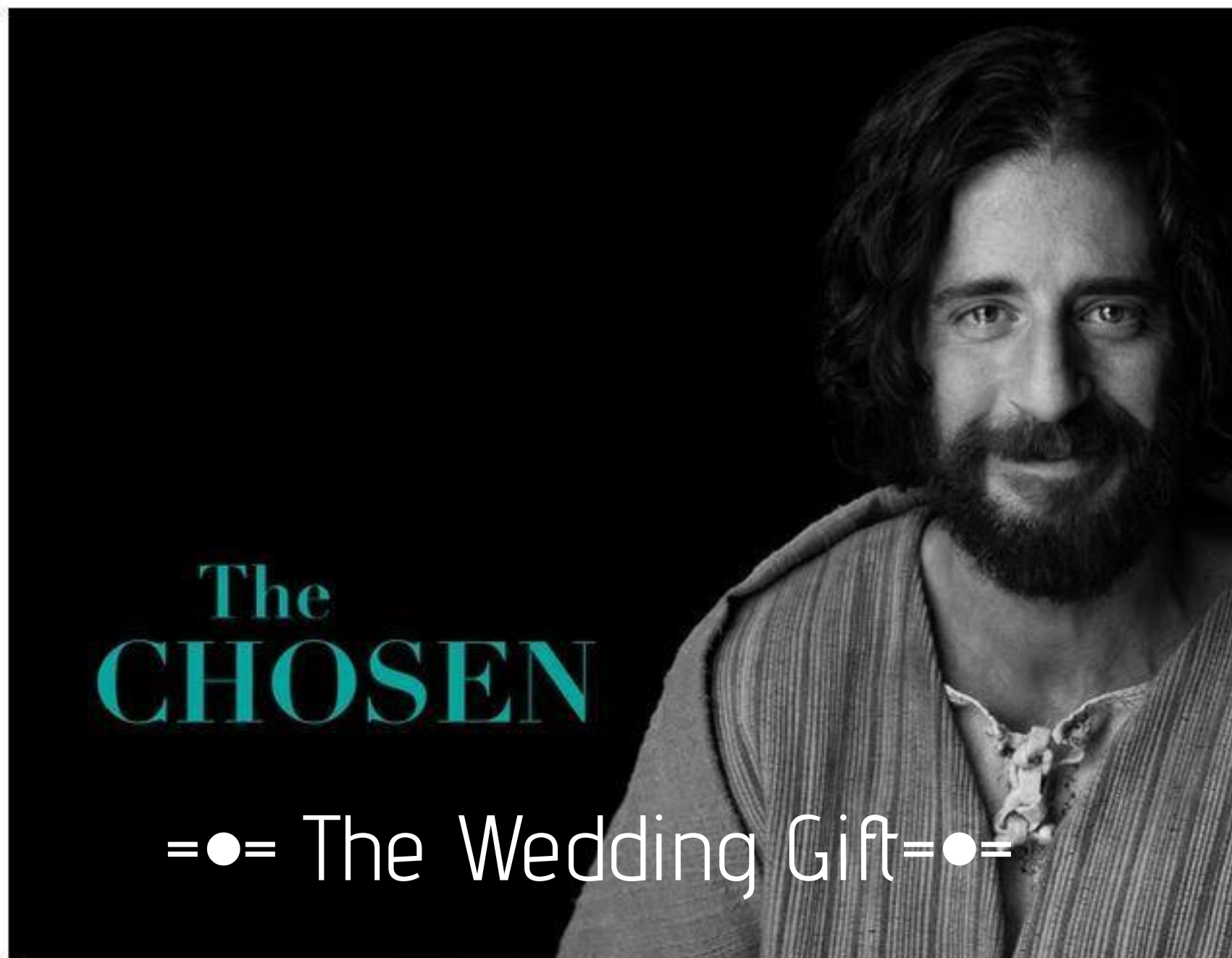
Pray-

Thank Jesus for His "no strings attached" help and compassion on you as His follower.



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Episode 5



EPISODE 5

CHARACTERS

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



After reading through the summary, watch this episode, then work through the reflection questions.

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.

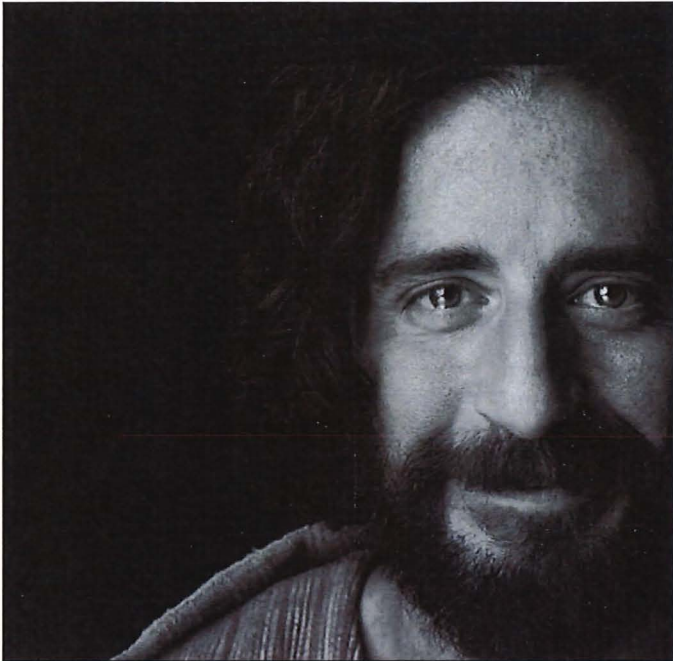
During the ceremony, Jesus' mother Mary makes a special request.



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EPISODE 5- The Wedding Gift



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EPISODE 5

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Luke 2:41-52
- ▶ Jeremiah 33:10-16
- ▶ 1 Kings 19:19-21
- ▶ John 2:1-12
- ▶ Proverbs 30:4

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Mary the mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, Nicodemus, Simon, Thomas

The Big Question:

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

Bring to Group:

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

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. How do you think Jesus' parents struggled in raising him?
3. Instead of condemning John, Nicodemus sat down and said "Tell me about your ministry." When was the last time you sat down and talked to someone you might not agree with and simply said "Tell me more."
4. What did you think of Eden's response to Peter's calling?
5. 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?

EPISODE 5

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

6. Jesus reassures Thomas that while it's good to ask questions, that we won't always understand the answers, or even get answers. How do you handle this?

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."

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."

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



EPISODE 5– The Wedding Gift

Personal Next Steps...

Renew and Refresh-

Take time to read through the scriptural references on the first page of this episode guide.

Self-Check-

Who could I bless this week like Jesus blessed the people at the wedding at Cana?

How can picturing Jesus having fun with His followers improve how you interact with Him? Are you having enough fun as you journey with Christ?

Go Forth-

Is there a “doubting Thomas” in your life that you could have a faith conversation with?

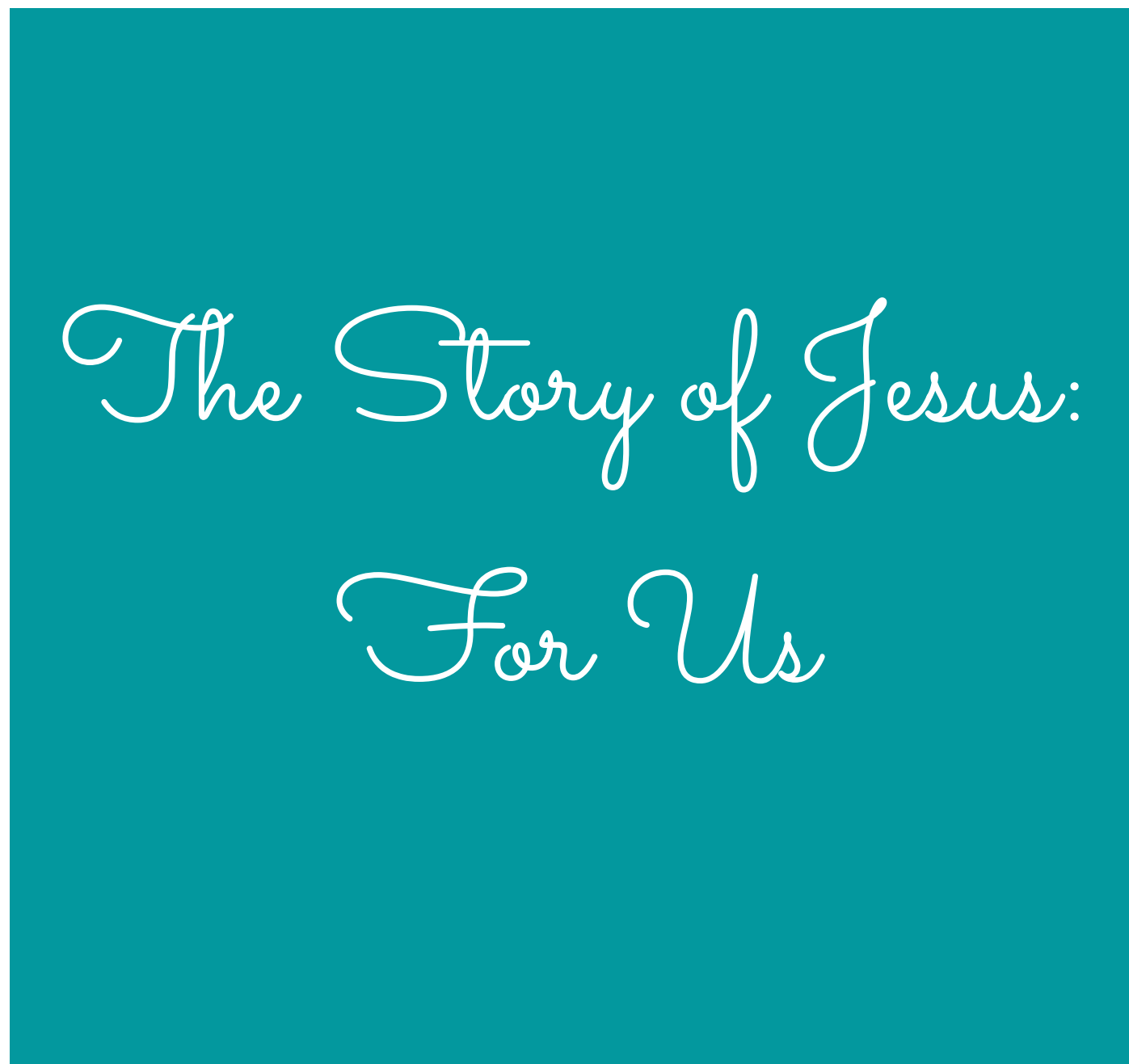
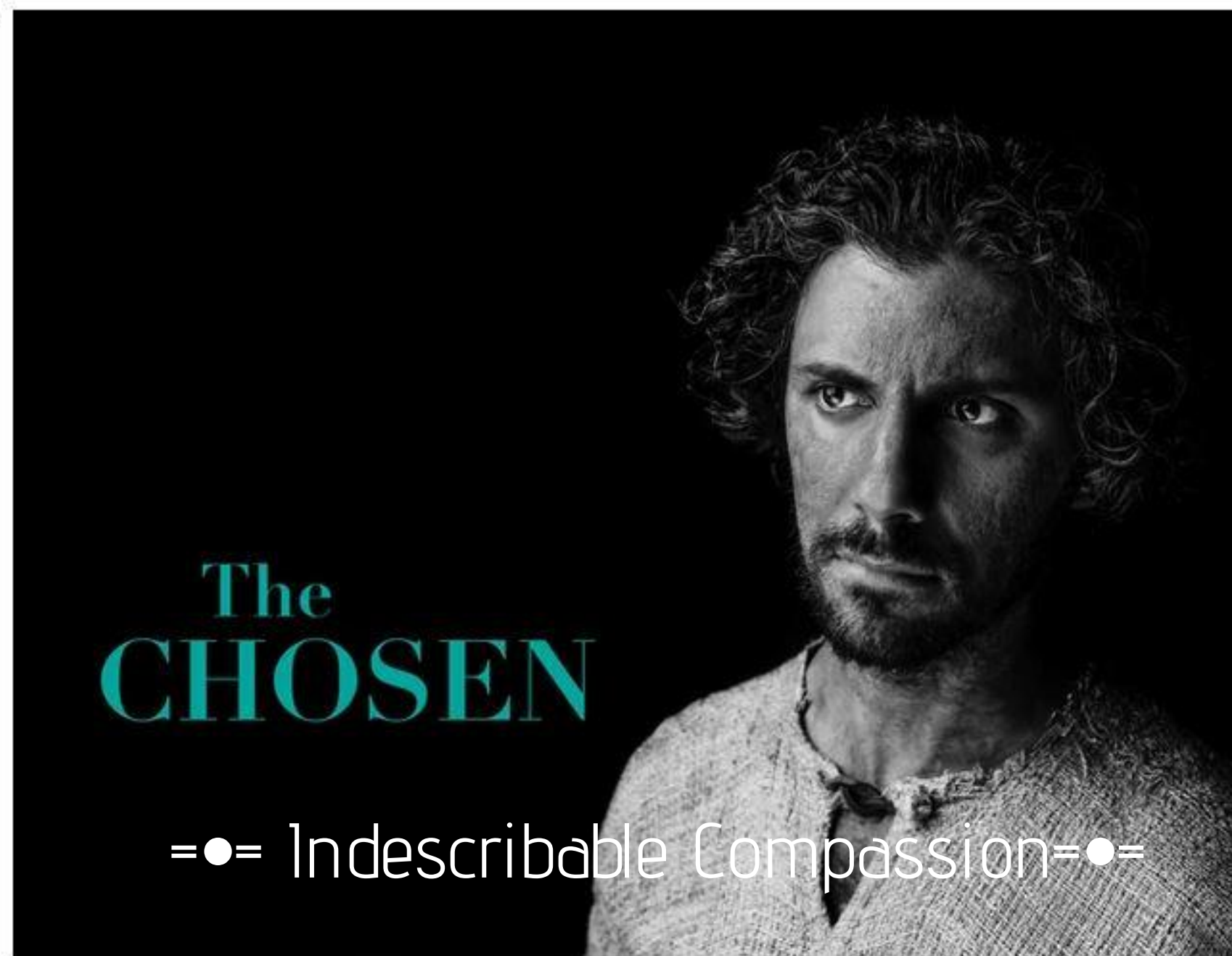
Pray-

Thank the heavenly Father for permitting us to ask anything in Jesus name.



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Episode 6



EPISODE 6

CHARACTERS

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



After reading through the summary, watch this episode, then work through the reflection questions .

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.



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EPISODE 6- Indescribable Compassion



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EPISODE 5

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

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

CHARACTERS

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

The Big Question:

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

Bring to Group:

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

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Who would you equate with a tax collector today? A Roman soldier? A Jewish citizen?
2. 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?
3. Let's talk more 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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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

4. What's holding you back from the kind of bold faith the leper had?
5. How can you connect with people in your life who aren't part of the "in" crowd, as Jesus did?
6. In order to take such extreme measures, what must the four men, who carried their friend, believed about Jesus?

QUOTES

The Leper: "Please don't turn away from me."

Jesus: "I won't."

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

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

Mary Magdalene: "I don't want to interrupt the Teacher by causing a scene."

The Paralytic: "What if you were me?"

Jesus to Tamar: "Your faith is beautiful."

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Personal Next Steps...

Renew and Refresh-

Take time to read through the scriptural references on the first page of this episode guide.

Self-Check-

Do you pull back from people with certain types of brokenness? How can you minister to them if you remove yourself from them?

Do you feel improper if you talk to God in a casual or less formal way? Do you think being more formal causes God to respond better?

Go Forth-

If these episodes have inspired you to want to draw closer to God, can you think of someone who might feel the same way after watching them?

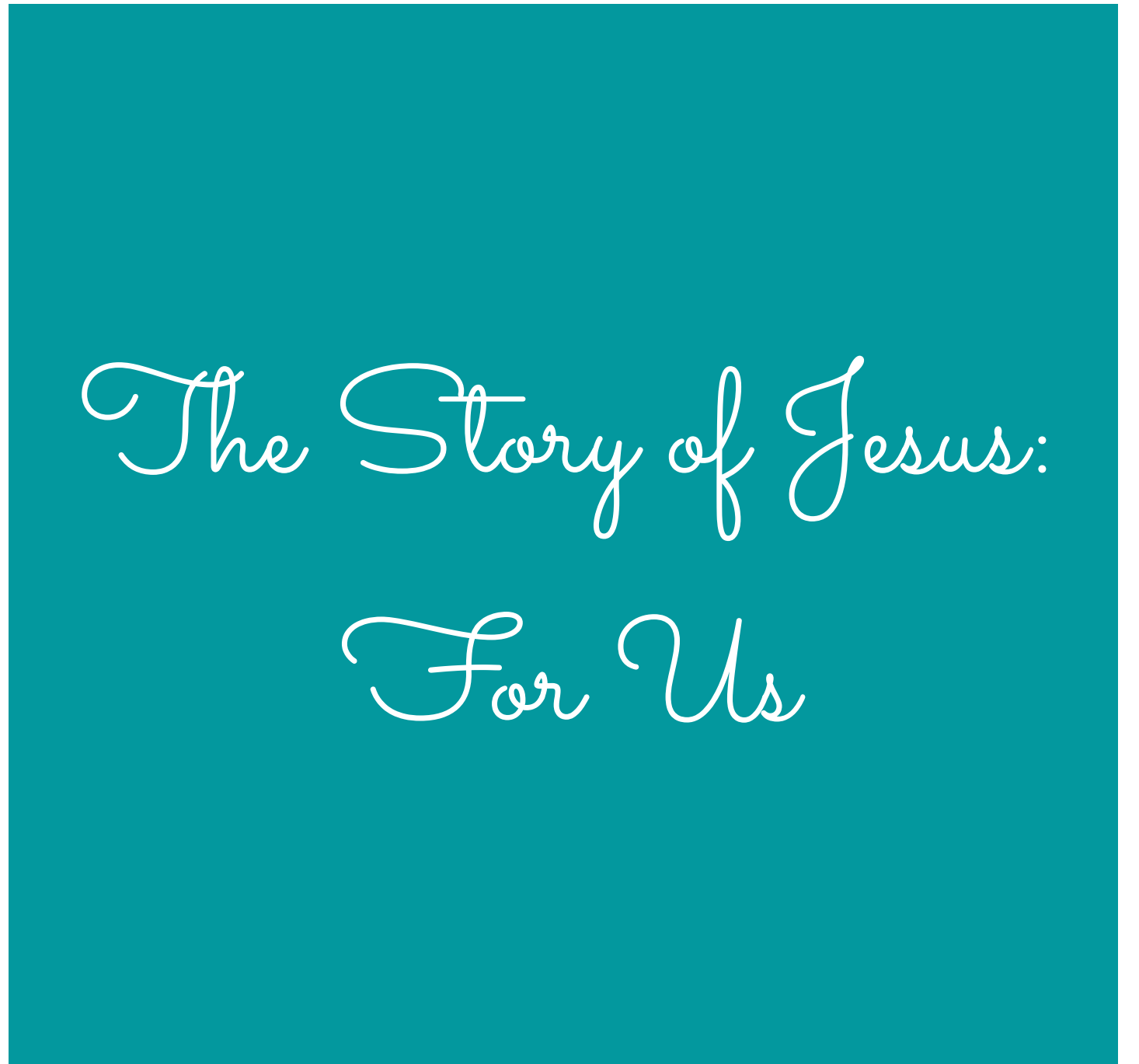
Pray-

Thank your heavenly Father for accepting and loving us even with all of our brokenness.



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Episode 7



EPISODE 7

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Nicodemus, Matthew,
Mary Magdalene



After reading through the summary,
watch this episode, then work
through the reflection questions.

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, miracle-working rabbi anywhere He goes.



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EPISODE 7- Invitations



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EPISODE 7

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

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

CHARACTERS

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QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Reflect on Nicodemus' journey to Jesus. How did he go from being a devout Pharisee to sitting in front of Jesus? What character qualities did he exhibit?
2. If you feel comfortable sharing - how have you experienced being "born again?"
3. How do you recognize the effect of the Spirit in your life?
4. Did it surprise you how quickly Matthew agreed to follow Jesus? Especially in comparison to Nicodemus' hesitation?
5. Stories like that of the bronze snake can be shocking to us today. What caused the Israelites to suffer? What daily habits can you cultivate so that you obey as quickly as Matthew did?

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

6. What did you think of Peter's reaction to Jesus calling Matthew? How can you have the same reaction today?

QUOTES

Jesus to Mary: "With their faith, they would have found a way whether you brought them to the roof or not."

Matthew: "My whole world, everything I thought I knew, what if it's wrong?"

Jesus to Andrew: "You are there to guide our guest, not to be my protector."

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

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

Peter (about Matthew): "Do you have any idea what this guy has done? Do you even know him?"

Jesus: "Yes."

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EPISODE 7– Invitations

Personal Next Steps...

Renew and Refresh-

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Self-Check-

Jesus taught Nicodemus that people who believe in His sacrifice receive eternal life. In the episode, Jesus kept inviting people to follow Him. While many Christians enjoy knowing they have eternal life, the question remains, are they following Jesus - here and now. How could you follow Jesus more closely this week?

Do you struggle to believe that Jesus would invite you to help Him build His Kingdom? What can you do to reassure yourself of His belief in you?

Go Forth-

Who do you know that needs to hear the incredible news about belief in Jesus' sacrifice and receiving eternal life? Think about having a conversation with this person and ask for God's wisdom and timing.

Pray-

Thank your heavenly Father for the gift of eternal life. Thank Him also for Jesus' example for living life today. Ask Him to help you follow Christ more closely.



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Episode 8



EPISODE 8

CHARACTERS

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



After reading through the summary, watch this episode, then work through the reflection questions.

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.

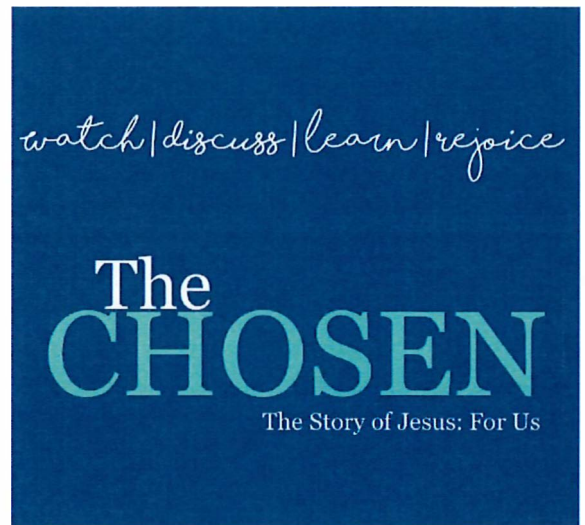
Then Jesus and his students leave Capernaum while under pressure from religious and Roman authorities. The apostles drawing together, still confused, yet anxious for the Kingdom to come. Jesus makes a surprise stop at Jacob's Well for an important encounter. And with this encounter, His "career" finally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



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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Genesis 33:18-20
- ▶ Matthew 9:9-13
- ▶ Hosea 6:6
- ▶ Luke 4:38-39
- ▶ Genesis 16 (Story of Hagar)
- ▶ Daniel 7:13-14
- ▶ John 4:1-42

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QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Obedience at the risk of derision 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.
2. 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?
3. Who were the first told about Jesus' birth? Who did He first tell about His ministry? What were their social statuses?

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

4. What was significant about Jesus choosing to talk to a Samaritan woman? How can you model that today?
5. 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?

QUOTES

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

Eden to Peter: "Thank you."

Peter: "Me? For what?"

Eden: "For obeying and following him."

Jesus to his disciples: "Did you join me for safety reasons?"

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

Samaritan Woman: "I am rejected by others."

Jesus: "I know. But not by the Messiah."

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Self-Check-

Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law freeing him to journey with Jesus. What would you like Jesus to "heal" in your life to free you to follow Him closer?

The Samaritan woman was elated to interact with the Messiah. What are ways you can stir excitement in your interactions with Jesus?

Go Forth-

Nicodemus was very close to embarking on his spiritual journey with Jesus and His followers but couldn't quite go. Who could you encourage to take their next step of faith?

Pray-

Thank Jesus for His "no strings attached" help and compassion on you as His follower.