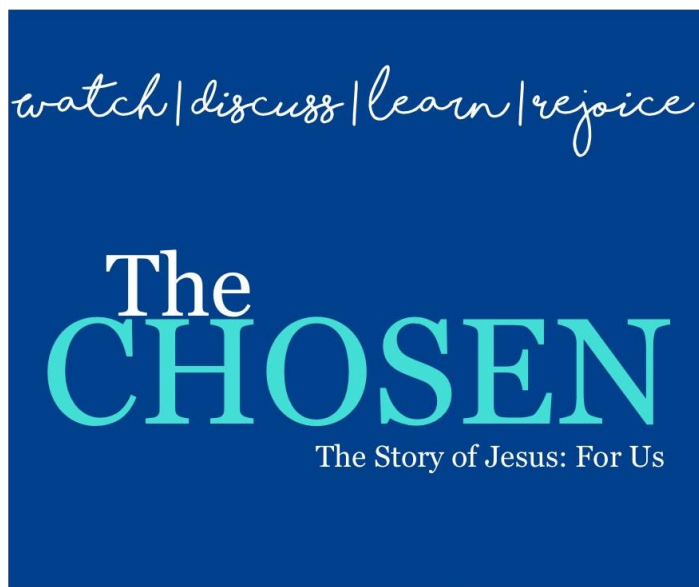
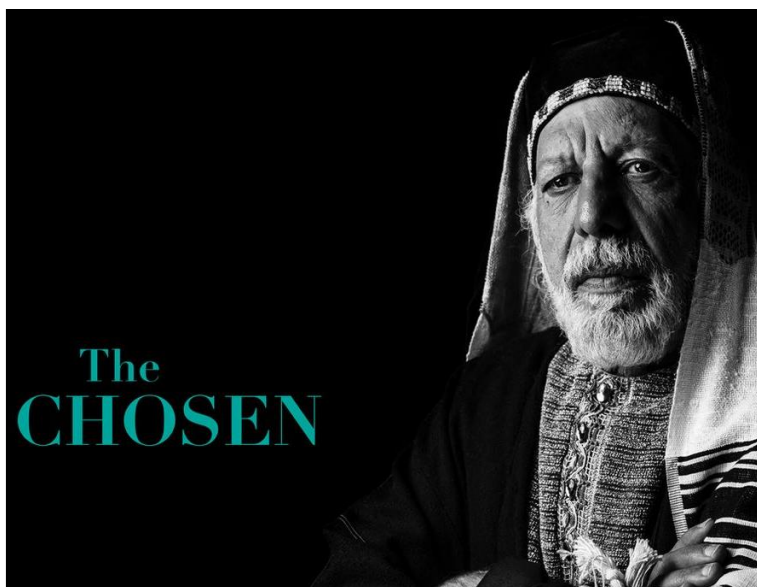


Group Guide



For listening, discussion & reflection

EPISODE 2- Shabbat



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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

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.

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

CONVERSATION STARTER

What stood out to you about how Jesus was depicted in the episode?

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?

EPISODE 2 QUESTIONS

1. How has your understanding of the role (and hatred toward) tax collectors been enhanced?
2. 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. Simon (Peter) said to his wife, Eden, "I've got this." When have you tried to solve your own problems without Jesus and had things go completely sideways?
7. Since trusting in Jesus, what are some specific ways your life has changed to something completely different?
8. When he sees the priests dining in extravagance, Nicodemus' history lesson about Antiochus leads to a significant question, "Who is responsible for suppressing our worship now?" What was going through his mind? How is our worship suppressed or distracted these days?
9. The Hebrew Sabbath celebrates God's work and inspires soulful rest. How do you celebrate God's work in your life? How do you find rest for your soul?
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?
12. What characteristics did you see in Jesus that would be good for Christians to practice today?

PERSONAL NEXT STEPS

Renew and Refresh – This week read Deuteronomy 5:12-14, Matthew 17:24-27, and Matthew 18:15-17

Self-Check

o 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?

o Where are some areas in your life that God may encourage you to slow down and allow your soul to find rest? Would He encourage a less rigorous schedule, less TV and Internet time, or something else?

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.

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)