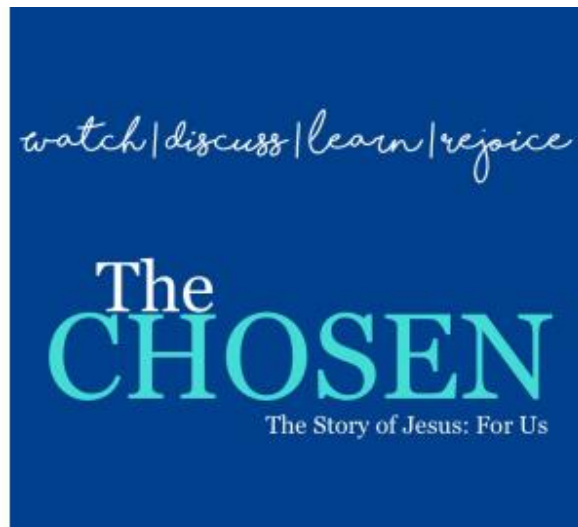


Group Guide



For listening, discussion & reflection

EPISODE 8- I am He



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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

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

CHARACTERS

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

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.

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

CONVERSATION STARTER

Who is has been your favorite character in the episodes so far? How come?

TheBigQuestion:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? Which character, event or line stood out to you most? Why?

Bring to Group:

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

EPISODE 8 QUESTIONS

1. Following Jesus can create turmoil in your life and especially in your relationships. Nicodemus, Matthew, and Peter all encountered adversity after beginning to follow Christ. Do any of their stories resonate with you?
2. What do you think about Jesus's decision to eat with tax collectors and sinners?
3. Jesus let the Samaritan woman express her anger and frustration, and that approach worked out. As Catholics, are we called to endure hostility from groups who have been mistreated by other Christians and Catholics?
4. In the episode, Jesus explains He asked Simon to make sacrifices in order to follow Jesus. What sacrifices have you made to follow Jesus? Are making sacrifices to follow Jesus as difficult in reality as they are in our minds?
5. On their journey through Samaria, the disciples were questioning Jesus every time something did not go as they expected. Do you wrestle in your faith to trust God and not doubt Him on everything in your life that doesn't go as expected? Explain.
6. Jesus gave the Pharisees a homework exercise: "Go learn what this means. God desires mercy more than sacrifice." (Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:13) What does that mean to you and how you follow Jesus today?
7. At the end of the episode, Jesus said he did not want food because he was nourished by doing the will of the Father. What does this reveal about the hearts of God, Jesus, and many of the saints like Peter and Paul?

PERSONAL NEXT STEPS

Renew and Refresh – This week read Mark 2:13-17; John 4:1-42

Self-Check

- o 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?
- o 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.

QUOTES

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

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."*