

## Episode 1

### I Have Called You By Name

1. Lilith's family always recited Adonai's words,  
"Fear not, I have called you by name and redeemed you."  
Did your family have any special sayings you always said?
2. Today we were introduced to  
Quintas, Nicodemus & Zohara, Shmuel, Andrew,  
Simon & Eden, Lilith, Matthew.  
Who did you find the most interesting?
3. Who did you observe being despised by:  
A. The general public?  
B. The Romans?
4. Several times you saw the anticipation of the Messiah.  
Who is waiting for the Messiah? What do they think he will do?
5. What is the red quarter? What do we call it today?
6. Despite their disrespect for the Jews, why did the Romans call a holy man to "drive out the demon?" How does modern society explain away these symptoms?
7. Nicodemus called for the demons in the name of five holy angels, Adonai and the Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses. What's the one name he left out that he did not know, who has the power to make demons flee?
8. Lilith had a memory with a Roman soldier. What might have happened in the past?
9. The locals have a saloon in Capernaum called the Hammer. What is the benefit?
10. How did we see Nicodemus, the teacher of teachers begin to question his understanding of Adonai?
11. What was the bird that distracted Lilith and led her back from the cliff?
12. Several "Shabbats" passed in this episode. What and how often is Shabbat?
13. What's up with Matthew the tax collector's little cloths?
14. Strong alcohol and other drugs only mask our problems. What did Lilith really need?
15. If you had to know the secret password, how did Jesus get in the saloon?
16. Why did the words Jesus used to call out to Lilith startle her so?

## Episode 2

### Shabbat

1. Describe how the two Romans, Quintas and Gaius, each reacted to Matthew's stubborn determination to verify Simon's story
2. Nicodemus is consumed with his failure to exorcise Lilith/Mary. What are his thoughts?
3. Explain how Shabbat affects the way the Jews in Capernaum plan their week, both the men and women.
4. Why is Simon buying drinks all around? What is he up to?
5. Why is Nicodemus' so quick to correct the slightest word in error? What about Matthew?
6. The Shabbat dinner is a big deal in the Jewish culture every Friday night. What traditions in your family would it be an outrage not to attend?
7. How does Simon's wife Eden balance him out?
8. Describe Nicodemus' reaction to Mary explaining her healing.
9. Compare the various Shabbat dinners we saw. How many did we see?
10. What is the significance of Jesus attending Mary's dinner instead of the dinner with Nicodemus?
11. Mary says "I was one way, and now I am completely different. And the thing that happened in between was Him." Does that happen today?

## Episode 3

### Jesus Loves the Little Children

- How do you see Jesus differently after this episode?
- We saw Jesus living and working in his campsite and playing a lot with children. What surprised you seeing the humanity of Jesus on display?
- How were you with strangers when you were a child? How are you now?
- Why do children freely speak or ask everything they're thinking about?
- Read Matthew 18:1-6, 19:13-15, and 21:14-17. What does Jesus think about children?
- Jesus says we must "change and become like little children" in order to enter the kingdom of heaven. What does he mean by that?
- Jesus told the children they are not the judge of people. "Let God provide the justice and respond differently to mean people." How might we do that?
- Why do we not believe Jesus as freely as these children do or want to share the Good News about him with others?
- Jesus said "Many times smart men lack wisdom." How is that true?
- Are there little children in your life? How can you be more attentive toward them like Jesus?

## Episode 4

### The Rock On Which It Is Built

1. Why did Simon lead the Romans into the sand bar?
2. Simon is navigating a tricky route to solve his tax debt. What are all the things he's trying to juggle in his mind?
3. What kind of miracle could he imagine?
4. John the Baptist gave a baptism of repentance. What does that mean?
5. Comment on Matthew's spying skills
6. Matthew said Simon has a singular talent that people listen to him. What have you noticed?
7. Compare the difference in the faith of the brothers Simon and Andrew.
8. Simon quoted "I will make The Chosen as many as the stars."  
Who originally said that and to whom was it said?
9. Here is Nicodemus again still trying to solve his burning question.  
What is he wondering about John the Baptist?
10. What have you noticed about Matthew's obedience to follow orders and rules?
11. How did you feel the moment Simon, at the end of his rope, received the miracle of the fish and fell at Jesus feet?
12. Jesus called four men tonight.  
If he walked in here right now and said "Follow Me," what would you do?

## Episode 5

### The Wedding Gift

**What** did you think of Creepy John? Did he sound like a “saint” to you?

**What’s** an example today where a person leaves their job and just “follows Jesus?” Who do you know of who has done that, trusting God to provide?

**John the Baptist asks us** this question: “Some will not want to waken. They’re in love with the dark. I wonder which one you’ll be?” What is your answer?

**In this episode,** we see people waiting for Jesus to go public with his ministry. What have you waited for God to do in your life?

**Mary Magdalene said,** “We will watch him forever I think and watch and watch and watch.” Later Jesus told Thomas “keep watching.” How can we still do that today?

**At the wedding** when Jesus said, “My time has not come.” His mother said, “If not now, when?” Who was she quoting?

**Jesus was alone** when he prayed the water to wine. He did not make a dramatic show. Who actually knew he did it? Was this miracle kept a secret?

**Why was Thaddeus’ story** about “the first cut in stone setting things in motion,” told in the wedding scene? What was the correlation?

**Tonight in the beginning** of Jesus’ public ministry he had red dripping from his hands. How is that like the very end of his public ministry?

**Simon said** “Fish? Wine? What will be next?” Jesus said, “Any suggestions?” What would you have suggested?

**Rema said to Thomas,** “For once in your life, don’t think.” Compare that to what we said two episodes ago about being like a child to follow Jesus.

## Episode 6

# Indescribable Compassion

“You are forbidden within four cubits.”

“Cover your mouth. Don’t breathe his air!”

The early Israelites believed illness was the punishment for sin and the particular heinous set of syndromes the Bible talks about referred to “tzaraat” in Hebrew. Through the ages it’s been translated as leprosy. Leprosy, then, was both a punishment for a sin and divine curse because it was a chronic and incurable disease until our times. Because it was incurable the lepers were made to live outside of town away from everyone. You could not be part of society any longer.

In the Bible one can find numerous examples of the punishments for sins.

Miriam was made leprous “as white as snow” by order of the Lord, because she criticized Moses, her father.

How were leprosy protocols in AD 27 like Covid protocols in AD 2020?

Why did Jesus tell the leper not to say anything except present himself to the priest and yet the Bible reports the leper went into town and told everyone?

Returning to town from Jesus’ camp, why do you think Simon and Andrew suddenly resumed being hostile toward Matthew?

What needs to change in Simon’s reactions to future possible confrontations or resistance in his life?

How did Shmuel reveal his legalism and superiority?

Nicodemus invited Shmuel to consider God can speak new things not in Torah.  
How does God speak new things to us that aren’t in the Bible?

Nicodemus had been trying to settle whether John the Baptist had exorcised Mary. John said it was the Son of God.

What is Nicodemus wondering after the miracle he saw today?

Why was it more important for Shmuel to have a better view of the miracle healing than Nicodemus?

Matthew told Abigail yes, he is lost. Then in the final frame Jesus stared him down. What’s Matthew wondering?

**Name at least one character whose response to Jesus’ miracles was:**

- fearful
- alarmed

- Jealous
- Overjoyed • challenged
- indignant • confused • skeptical • hostile
- thankful

What was your response to these miracles?

**Closing Prayer**

Lord guide our thoughts this week as we too discover this Jesus.

# Season One

## Episode 7

### Invitations

- Many episodes of the Chosen show a scene from long ago in the history of Israel in the Old Testament. Today it was from Numbers 21:4-9. Somebody in your group read it out loud. We'll refer to that in a later question.
- Nicodemus was in such turmoil over Jesus, he was willing to miss his 5th grandson's circumcision or "Naming Day." Which special once in a lifetime ceremonies in your family is everyone expected to attend?
- Why was Matthew so jittery going to see his family and why did he want to talk to his parents? What big question did he ask his mother?
- Describe your relationship with your parents.
- Compare Gaius and Matthew's mother's opinion of Matthew's career.
- How did God use Matthew's logic draw him toward Jesus? How did God use Nicodemus' logic to draw him toward Jesus?
- What did you notice about Simon, when Andrew got to assist with the Nicodemus meeting instead of him?
- The disciple John was listening outside to Nicodemus and Jesus. John later wrote about this the Bible. The Gospel of John, Chapter 3 is the only place this meeting is reported. Have someone read out loud verses 1-16. Talk about verses 3,14 and 16.
- If Nicodemus goes with Jesus, what must he give up or suffer?
- Matthew had intelligence, a career and wealth. When Jesus called, why did Matthew just walk away from everything?
- In your own life, what must you give up to follow Jesus? How does someone "follow Jesus" in this century? You can start right now.



## Season One

### Episode 8 - I Am He

#### This Episode Questions

- Photina, the woman at the well, had five ex-husbands and a lover. What kind of hurt and baggage does a woman like that store up?
- Why can't Jesus & Company just go hang out at someone's house without a bunch of negative people dropping by?
- Does Schmuel want a promotion and fame or is he just a legalist?
- Matthew, as a tax collector, is hated by the Jews and shunned by his family, as if HE invented taxes. How do we judge Government employees who are just doing their job well and being paid for it? How can they, their money and possessions be evil?
- How do Gaius and Quintas feel about Matthew pulling up stakes and joining this movement? What true feelings of theirs, about Matthew, peek through?
- "I love our life." "As do I."  
In the end, What did Nicodemus choose and what did it do to him?

#### Season Wrap-up Questions

- As the team walks off at the end:
  - a) Why is Simon excited?
  - b) What has begun?
  - c) Why is this team together?
- Nicodemus' view toward God will never be the same. How did experiencing Jesus change him?
- Matthew and Simon are each fearless in their own way. What's the difference? Who have you heard mention that lack of fear in them?
- After watching this first season of The Chosen, how would you describe who Jesus really is and why he was in Israel at that time?
- How have these episodes impacted your life?