

Episode 2.1 Thunder

- What is John writing at the beginning and end of this episode? What will he do with it?
- Photina, the woman from the well, is back. How many has she told about Jesus?
- Here in Season Two, the disciples (and us) are gaining a feel for each personality. How are they adjusting to each other?
- James and John boasted to all how they cleared the field. In the end what lesson was Jesus teaching them?
- What did the father Kafni think about the lifestyle of the group his daughter was joining?
- Jesus said, "In the end the light will overcome the darkness." What in our world is darkness needing to be overcome by light?
- Read out loud Luke 10:25-37.
How does that story relate to Melech who owned the field?
- What is the definition of grace? How does that relate to Melech?
- This was the first time we've seen Jesus get angry.
Why was he mad at James and John outside town?
- There was thunder several times while John (the son of thunder) was writing.
What was he wondering as he would look up after the thunder?
- In the first scene today, John asked each follower how they first met Jesus. How did you first meet Jesus? Each one share your story briefly.

Episode 2.2 I Saw You

Note: Jesus said each he called “brings something different to the whole.” We can learn from each. At your table or discussion group, everyone has a contribution too. As you answer these questions, make sure no one is left out.

- Philip challenged Nathaniel, “Come and See.” Who invited you to Come and See and why did you come? Everyone answer.
- Let’s talk about the new daily lifestyle of these who have chosen to follow Jesus. Tonight we saw Matthew sleeping with his head on the firewood he had earlier collected and Ramah waking with her hands as a pillow. Read to the group Luke 9:57-58 (foxes have their holes). Each one at your table name a daily comfort you would have to give up to camp on the ground.
- Read Psalm 121, all 8 verses, written by King David. What do these Jews pray when they first wake up no matter where they slept? What other daily “disciplines” do you see these “disciples” doing that give them quality of life and self-esteem?
- Jesus taught a prayer to the children last season now known as The Lord’s Prayer. Read together Matthew 6:9-13, especially verse 11. How has God provided the disciples daily bread so far?
- What is the difference with our friends in the Chosen and the homeless people in your town? What is the focal point of this camp that is missing in most Social Justice programs? (Hint: one word)
- Tonight you met Philip. What kind of energy does he bring to the team? Why is he more good-natured than Jesus’ disciples? Why does he already seem more like Jesus than the others?
- Matthew showed pain and worry in his eyes before following Jesus. It is still there. Matthew told Philip he feels outside the circle of the world. What’s he trying to figure out now? In your own life what have you felt separated from?
- Matthew said, “Philip and Thaddeus are kind to me.” Describe Philip’s people skills with Matthew compared to how Simon and others have been treating him.
- How did Philip’s words **empower** Matthew the next time he spoke with Simon? What words and phrases from The Chosen are starting to **empower** you in your daily life? Or which phrase comes to mind throughout your week?

Episode 2.3 Matthew 4:24

This episode is called **Matthew 4:24** The book of Matthew says:

24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

*How well was that portrayed?

*Little James shared with Thomas about his disability. What do you think about him being reluctant to ask Jesus to heal him? Does God heal everybody?

*If you were out camping and Mary the mother of Jesus just dropped by, what would you casually ask her?

*What would you give up or do, to have all the money you could want the rest of your life?

*What do you imagine about the actual night of Jesus' birth?
(That's one of the mysteries in the Catholic Rosary)

*How did you feel to hear Mary give a little insight into Jesus' birth & childhood?

*Which fireside story did you find interesting?

*What attitude are Simon and Andrew hanging onto concerning Matthew?

*Jewish boys traditionally study the Word of God (Torah) as a child, mostly until they turn 13. What do you remember about hearing Bible verses growing up?

*The disciples are trying to "move on" from their past, but others keep throwing it back in their face. How has that happened in your life?

*What did the disciples realize the moment Jesus walked up on their arguments after he had been healing all day?

*Compare Mary's story about tending to Jesus at his birth with what she did tonight when Jesus went to his tent.

Episode 2.4 The Perfect Opportunity

- When have you fallen from a tree or another high place?
- What special events did your family travel to a big city for?
- Why do young people join gangs and train to kill?
- What are people joining today?
- How did we see Nathaniel's architect skills in this episode?
- What will have to change for the Jews, Gentiles and all peoples to eat together at the tabernacle?
- What prophesy that sounds impossible does Mother Mary know something about?
- Simon's letter to Jesse long ago, quoted a prophecy.

Where else in this episode did we hear that scripture and what did the hearer do when it was spoken?

- How is Simon's vow at the end of his letter similar to the proclamation Nicodemus made about Mary Magdalene's demon possession? What did each proclaim?
- The only part of tonight that is actually in the New Testament was the healing at the pool. Why this elaborate back story? Might we see Simon or his pursuer again?
- Tonight's episode was "The Perfect Opportunity." Jesus said "Sometimes you've got to stir up the water." What did his trip to the pool stir up?
- You Don't need this pool. You only need me. What are some things our world clings to but they really only need Jesus? Share together and pray now.

Episode 2.5 Spirit

Share when you had to speak in public or for a class and how you practiced.

Say the scripture Mary and Matthew keep working to memorize.
How does it relate to all that is going on?

What is the story of John the Baptist's conception and birth?

What did the demoniac sense on

- Simon
- Mary
- The other disciples

Have any of you seen a demon possessed person? What would you do if you had to deal with one?

What was Matthew "packing" as his weapon of choice?

Both the Pharisees and Atticus the Roman Tried to pry information out of Jesse about his healing. Compare their techniques. Which ones had good intentions?

Why does Atticus the Roman spy keep pursuing Simon the Zealot?

Describe Mary's sensitivity to demons still and their awareness of her.

Why was John the Baptist so excited when the demon was removed?

Why did Mary uncover her hair to get in the bar?

Jesus is unsuccessful in changing John the Baptist's plans. What does that say about John?

What did you notice about Jesus as he said goodbye to his cousin John and watched him leave?

What do you make of this cliffhanger? What will become of Mary?

Episode 2.6 Unlawful

Why in the opening flashback did they show David taking the forbidden bread to his men?
How did it tie into this episode?

What did you notice about Simon's attitude toward cooking?
Do men cook in your family?

Big James doesn't understand much of anything. He's just following along.
What does that say about his trust in Jesus?

"You train for one thing It cannot go away overnight." What do you think about Simon the Zealot and his daily disciplines?

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Mother Mary mentioned to Ramah how Jesus had to leave his career and income. So did most of the disciples. What would you do if God asked you to give up your income job to do what he called you to do with your life?

The higher Pharisee President Shimone said it is better to care for widows and orphans than Schumel nit picking about Shabbat violations. What's a small issue in our day that gets all the world's attention when bigger things are ignored? Ex. Mask enforcement but lets kill babies

Why did Jesus approve of Matthew going with Simon to find Mary?

What did we observe with Matthew and Simon's first attempt at encouraging a struggling friend (Mary)? When have you experienced that?

Matthew said to Mary, "He saved you to do all these things." Think about this: Jesus saved you from your sin, to do what?

What was Simon noticing about Matthew's feelings for Mary?

Matthew asked Simon, "What if you were cut off from Jesus by something in your past?" They both had a distant look in their eyes. What were they thinking about their own past?

How is Mary Magdalene's childhood Bible memory verse still coming back to help her? "Say the words," Isaiah 43:1 out loud as a group.

What are some scriptures you've memorized and recall during trying times?

When have you had to face the person you hurt by your sin? What was the result?

Ramah said “Nothing good can come from Mary’s disappearing.” Name all the benefits you saw from Mary’s departure and return.

Share specifically or generally, an addiction that has ruled your life, that Jesus wants you set free from. Your friends are here to pray for you.

Yusef, Shmuel’s fellow rabbi, has been present for many of Jesus’ activities. What do you sense about his thoughts from his actions and words?

Who has heard of a Doubting Thomas? The phrase came from the disciple Thomas. (It will be seen clearly after Jesus is crucified.) How are we see “Doubting Thomas” doubt already? (Today with the food)

Here’s a point to close on. The little synagogue in “Wadi Qelt,” thought they would be ignored by Jerusalem on their concerns about Jesus. Your little Chosen group is as important to God as the temple in Jerusalem, the Vatican in Rome, or the largest church in New York City. God cares for you.

How can your leaders pray for you right now? Jesus said he only wants your heart. Give it to him now.

Episode 2.7 Reckoning

Quintus said Atticus is a Cohortes Urbanae. He said it's like Caesar's personal detective. Why does Atticus want to rat out Jesus?

Does Quintus really worship and "Hail" Caesar or is he just trying to keep his position?

What have you learned about Autism from Matthew's character? (something the Chosen added, not in the Bible)

Yusef saw Shmuel went to Jerusalem to study false prophecy, but in reality Shmuel only wants what?

Two factions are seeking to prove Jesus doing something wrong. Compare why **the Romans and the Pharisees** each take exception. If both parties want Jesus stopped, why are they not cooperative with each other?

Simon told Andrew, "He's more of an UN-common-sense guy. Get used to different, brother." What have we seen Jesus do different that didn't follow common ways?

JESUS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

What do you make of the testimony of Atticus about Jesus' miracles to Gaius, while leading Roman soldiers to the camp?

As the soldiers arrived to take Jesus for questioning, compare the initial reaction by:

- Simon & Andrew
- James & John
- Mother Mary
- Jesus

What do we notice about Gaius' compassion toward Jesus & his mother?

Quintus questioning Jesus

- What did you observe in the chemistry between Quintus and Jesus?
- How did Quintus praise and describe Matthew not by name?
- What other trouble did Quintus attribute to Jesus, past or future? (bones & flesh)
- Why did Quintus wish he could hire Jesus? What are "good and bad" things Quintus noticed Jesus accomplished, all based on how they affected Quintus' reputation?

- What kind of actions did Quintus threaten Jesus not to do any more?
- Why did Quintus not arrest Jesus?
- What were some of Quintus' final words today to or about Jesus?

Jotapata is an actual town between the sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean Sea (Now called Yodfat). What kind of impression do all the bobbing rabbis in that city give to passersby?

Describe the confusion in the camp from Jesus being taken into custody. Who remained calm and who went berserk. Who blamed others?

Andrew was convinced Jesus had been arrested. Why did he refuse to see it as only detained?

Andrew needs a different kind of healing. What could that be?

What do you make of Andrew's continual and growing explosiveness?

Now Yusef comes in disguise to warn Tamar and the healed man. Is Yusef a good guy? What more did he admit about Shmuel to Jesus' followers?

What were some of the reactions of the camp to Jesus' return?

The Bible says Jesus will really return to us some day. What would your reaction be?

How can we maintain Jesus' mission when things "get more difficult" and "not shut down and be fearful?" What did the world do during Covid when things got difficult?

What change came over the disciples as soon as Jesus started teaching the Lord's Prayer? (Our Father)

Wait for all groups to finish and then pray this together as a class. (You can print cards out)

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be Thy Name.
 Thy Kingdom come.
 Thy Will be done,
 on earth as it is in Heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

Season 2 Finale

Beyond Mountains

What did you feel when Season 2 suddenly ended before you got to hear this big sermon?

In the opening, we met two partners negotiating with a property owner. What did you notice right away about shorter one's face, the kind of person he was, compared to his partner?

What did swindling the man out of his family's land put into motion into the sweeter partner's mind? What did he realize about the direction of his life?

Why does Mary Magdalene want to have more scriptures in her memory bank? How will that help her down the road? What are some ways people can memorize Bible verses today?

Thomas said, "They all love the Rabbi. They just can't agree on the right way." How is that like the churches today?

Later we met the two salesmen again. What did we learn about each one's outlook on life?

In this episode Jesus jokingly said "Hey everybody! Just keep doing what you've been doing for the last thousand years! Since it's been going so great." People still believe they don't need Christianity. How's that working out for the world now, without a Savior?

Compare the different anticipations of the disciples after passing out the flyers the night before the sermon.

What do you think is going on with Thomas & Ramah?

Why did Jesus choose Matthew to help him transcribe and critique his sermon?

Which characters do you remember Jesus thinking about as he spoke each “blessed are” to Matthew? Which type of person do you see yourself in?

Jesus mentioned his two fathers. Who are the fathers in your life? When in your life have you performed something and your Dad couldn't be there?

When Jesus parted the curtain, how many people were there? What term did Nathaniel use?

Questions on Chosen Series overall

What character do you like from the Chosen?

What phrase from The Chosen now comes to your mind during the week?

So far in the Chosen, which action, words or miracle of Jesus made a big impression on you and why?