

Season Three

Episode 1 Homecoming

Matthew sent a Roman guard to take delinquent tax payers to jail. What did putting his father on the list say about the value he puts on family and job?

What did the flashback reveal about Matthew's respect for God?

"Setting Shiva" is a mourning for the dead. What did being considered as good as dead to his father do to Matthew?

The sermon Jesus prepared for is very famous and takes up many pages in the Bible. What is it called and who wrote it down in the Gospels? (You should go find and read it this week)

This was where Jesus shared the Lord's Prayer or the "Our Father" with everyone. Recite it right now in your group. (pray it)

The sermon is full of many famous sayings of Jesus. Do you recall something else that jumped out to you or you recognized?

Gaius had nothing to say to Atticus. What was he thinking?

What do you think about how quickly Jesus welcomed Judas to be the 12th disciple? (answer first)

Which disciples did he spend even less time with before saying the "Follow Me?"

Thinking of John the Baptist makes Andrew very emotional. What line in the sermon did Andrew say spoke just to him?

Describe the reactions of Ramah, Mary and Tamar to meeting JoAnna the rich woman and what they said about her later at Mary's home.

What do you make of Ramah and Thomas being more intentional toward each other?

Today we met Jairus, the new administrator. Does he seem like an ally to Jesus' cause or a snitch?

Bid James missed his Ema's cinnamon cakes the most. When you've been away from home a long time what do you miss?

We recently saw Matthew encourage Mary when she felt lost. How did Mary, now restored, treat Matthew when he was distraught about where to stay?

Overall in this episode, what benefit was JoAnna to the followers of Jesus?

Why do Jews always kiss their hand and tap the side of the door frame when they enter or leave a home?

Andrew and Matthew each knocked on a door in Capernaum at the end of the episode. Why did Andrew apologize to Mary? Why did Matthew go home?

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Two by Two

Gaius is still not talking much. Atticus senses a secret. What do you sense about Gaius?

How would you compare how the camping habits of the squatters outside Capernaum to the appearance of homeless camps in America today?

What happened in Matthew's parents' kitchen to bring joy to all three? What did the Mom make both men do?

Why might Atticus be giving suggestions to Quintas to let the squatters stay, paying taxes instead of being strong armed out of town. How did Atticus explain what would make Quintas look better to Rome?

Although the Bible makes no mention of any disciples having children, How hard would it be on Simon & Eden to raise a child with Simon potentially travelling all the time or even being persecuted?

What similar risk is there with Thomas and Ramah seeking marriage with unknown challenges and dangers ahead?

When John asked why Jesus NEEDED them to do his ministry, how did Z correct him?

Jesus told the disciples "You will follow in my footsteps and will truly know what it means to give up you life." What can we read into that?

What kind of travelling buddy would Jesus partner you up with to test your humility?

You've watched Jesus preach and heal. If he authorized you to do the same, would you go? Actually he has sent all of us.

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Physician, Heal Yourself

In all three seasons there are occasional episodes where Jesus was barely on screen. How was this one different? Who was missing instead? How did that help us learn new aspects of Jesus?

How does Mary show her emotion for her son all through this episode?

What did you think about Jesus' return to his old bedroom loft? What memories are saved in your room at your parents home?

What did you think of Jesus playing the ballgame? Rafi was the father of the bride at the wedding in Cana. Aaron and he played the ballgame with Jesus too. How did that friendly relationship go south by the end of the episode?

Lazarus said Rabbi Benjamin was wise and humble. What kind of temperament or personality is Lazarus?

"I'm here for salvation." The Bible said long before Jesus, no prophet is welcome in his own town. How did you see that today? Why did the Jews have such a hard time considering Jesus could be the Messiah? Especially in Nazareth?

Most of the time Jesus will calmly diffuse a difficult or awkward question. Can you remember a situation? On occasion he gets in their face. What did he tell Rabbi Benjamin?

Rabbi Benjamin said a prophet who speaks a word God hasn't commanded him to speak, he shall die. Why did he assume that related to Jesus? What makes Jesus a false prophet or his claims blasphemous? What does blasphemy mean?

Lazarus was the smaller baby in the opening scene. Near the end of this episode why did Lazarus restrain Mary and then protect her?

How did Jesus just walk away from the priest's death sentence? Go find that in the Bible. It's there. (Luke Chapter 4:29-30)

"A mule's leather bit and bridle." Where did Joseph say it came from? What does it symbolize or what might be its final purpose?

Jesus told his mother at the end, "I had to say what I did today. I know it was frightening, but even they must hear it." Why did the synagogue in Nazareth need to hear Jesus claim who he is?

Jesus reached the tomb of his father and remembered Joseph helping him learn a scripture. "He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty." Where else did we hear that verse today? How could Jesus too have been broken hearted as he stood at the tomb?

Jesus is here to heal your broken heart too. Share your hurt if you'd like to then close in prayer and pray for one another.

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Match all the pairs of disciples that Jesus sent out together (with the picture worksheet)

How many things did you see the disciples do on their ministry trip?

Which disciples did you get the greatest pleasure watching minister?

Whose fault or responsibility is the contaminated water system?

Compare how Yusef and Schmucl each approach people to address a critical situation.

Describe Eden's kindness during her two initial meetings with Veronica.

Describe the way Zebedee changed the mood in a scene twice in this episode.

How do you compare the two ladies reactions to tasting Zeb's oil.

Any guess why Eden is uneasy?

Jairus believes in Jesus just from reading Yusef's report on the sermon.

What should happen to us having the whole Bible available readily.

What is prophesy? What makes a prophet false?

What was Schmucl's reaction to the edict of the Pharisees concerning false prophets?

What had he wished would have happened?

What did the man who rejected Veronica's laundry and shamed her, expect her to do?

What kind of people in our day are treated like that? How can we respond to struggling people in a different "spirit?" (way)

What is your reaction to Simon and Gaius' new connection? /w/hat effect did a little booze have on Gaius?

What were the five words Gaius suggested Simon use with Eden?

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For marrieds (Have you ever been involved with a miscarriage or known someone?)

Miscarriage was a shameful thing in the Jewish culture. Now that you know Eden's situation, describe how it has affected her lately and what might she have been feeling these two episodes?

The Jews are big on tradition in both good and bad circumstances. What do you think about them hiring professional wailers? What good is that?

What two people in this episode had faith Jesus could heal, having never met him?

Zebedee feels his years of fishing and waiting are over. Why? What's he doing now?

Zeb is so proud of his sons following the Messiah. Which of you have a story of parents' pride?

Describe the desperation of Veronica the bleeding woman. What had her ailment done to her life?

How have Gaius and Simon progressed in their relationship?

Did you catch the similarity in why the Jews fasted and what Zebedee toiled and fished waiting for?

Can any of you explain what Jesus meant about new wine in to old wine skins? That's a famous passage in the Bible.

How did Gaius' fool proof wife answer work?

How did Jesus react when Jairus and Yusef entered Simon's home unannounced?

How could Jairus say "I know you" when he had never met Jesus? How did he know Jesus could heal his daughter? How can we know him when we have never seen him and how can he heal us?

What effect has Jesus' notoriety had on his ability to get across town?

How did touching the fringe of Jesus' garment heal Veronica? What did Jesus tell her actually healed her?

What was Eden's thinking as they went to heal the dying daughter – and at the end of the episode at the lake as Veronica washed?

After raising the dead girl, why did Jesus tell explicitly those in the room not to tell anyone, even other disciples?

Why did Jesus and the disciples go in the Lake? Was that a hard scene to act?

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What symbolism did you notice between Pilate's wife's dream and what she saw when she started talking to her husband?

Why does Z think Jesus needs human protection from killers? Would Jesus agree?

"I need Pilate's endorsement if I'm ever to get a promotion." What does Quintus show about his heart and what he really cares about?

What should Gaius do in response to Quintus' order to force out the tent city? Is Gaius happy about his options?

How did you like the disciples' cute jammies?

What happened between Mary and Tamar at the table in the scene about the necklace?

Why did Atticus call a meeting with Governor Pilate? Atticus described Jesus to Pilate as peaceful and magnetic. Since Pilate said he just want peace, does that sound like a cruel tyrant or kind ruler?

Why is Atticus watching the Jesus situation?

Why was Z disguised in the tent city hanging out?

What did you notice Gaius do as he closely observed several tent city dwellers? How does that compare with what Quintus said to do?

As the crowd gathered around Jesus in a circle, Simon noticed two observers: a priest and Gaius. Which one worried Simon and which made him smile?

"It doesn't matter what is put in from of you. You will reject it." How have these religious clergy done that?

The Zealots are going back to the order declaring Simon is dead. How is that a good thing?

What moved Barnaby into action to plead for Shula's healing?

Simon remarked it is more fun if Jesus heals when who is watching?

Sometimes Jesus provides for our needs if we will get our eyes off ourselves and care for others instead. How did that show with Barnaby?

What convinced
Eden to finally tell Simon their loss?

Episode 3.7

Ears to Hear

- Why was Simon distraught on the roof in the opening scene?
- Compare Philip and Andrew's different reactions on the road back from the Decapolis.
- Nathaniel is portrayed saying things that would better be kept to himself. How have you or others you know done that?
- Last week Mary was getting money from the locked trunk and accidentally came across Matthew's prayer tassels. Why did Matthew basically erupt to the news she had found them?
- Why was Schmucl quickly certain the "Jesus" who:
 1. said he was sent by God,
 2. was raising money to build weapons and
 3. was gathering an army to overthrow Rome,- was not Jesus of Nazareth?
- What was Schmucl admitting about Jesus' character by dismissing that man?
- Describe the person Simon noticed right as he left Gaius' home.
- The older Matthew bought all the debt of his children and put it under his name. Who bought all our debt and put it under his name? How does that work?
- How did the old man explain how he would clear his children's debt? Again, how did the other person above pay our debt?
- Why did Matthew keep getting nervous when the man called him son?
- "When you know the true value of these (tassels), no man will be able to meet their price." What did Mary say the gift of the tassels represented and what did the man really want Matthew to have?
- Now explain why the tassels would be priceless. Read Matthew 13:45-46
- Why was it time to add a new accessory to Matthew's clothing?

- Simon wished Gaius shalom-shalom or perfect peace. Gaius said, “That will be the day.”
What day will Gaius truly find perfect peace? Read Isaiah 26:3
- Why did Jesus choose specifically John to stay behind for Simon? Why not Andrew his brother?
- Why did Zeb try to advise Simon about being left behind? What is a bris? Nicodemus’ wife Zohara mentioned one in Season One.
- What happened when two men said it wasn’t time to heal a deaf man?
- This episode ended with a lot of things pending. What do you think might happen next?

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Sustenance

What was the significance of the spoken Psalm presented to King David in the opening?
The psalm of Asaph was Psalm 77. Read it out loud in your group and watch how many verses relate to this episode, as you answer the questions.

Why did the rest of the hecklers we met last week suddenly also sit down after Jesus healed the man with the bad leg?

Who stubbornly did NOT sit all the way down?

What did Mary tell Eden she needed to do, to be set free from her heartache?

The Decapolis wags in an uproar over “The Banquet” parable. Read Luke 14: 15-24

Jesus said the people in the crowd were there, eager to be closer to God, eager to find peace in their souls. Consider in your own heart why you keep coming to this class.

What did you think of how Jesus got his message relayed to the back of the crowd?

Yusef said Simon and Eden were desperate and angry. Later Simon said to John, “I’m afraid he’ll choose them! Is Simon bitter? Jealous?

When have you been jealous or bitter about what someone else got?

What did you think about Jesus multiplying the fish and bread?

After seeing and listening to so many Gentiles who heard and experienced Jesus, what questions does Schmuel have in his heart and mind? Schmuel believes Torah is timeless. When he met Jesus, Schmuel quoted Psalm 13. Read it out loud in your group. What in that Psalm makes you think of Schmuel?

What is a Mikva?

What did you think about Jesus walking on the water? That’s really in the Bible.

Strong, tough Simon said repeatedly, “Don’t let me go, don’t let me go!” What was Jesus’ one instruction to Simon when they were on the lake? What should we do when WE are sinking?

What finally broke Simon and Eden from anger and bitterness? What did Simon see Jesus do for him alone and no one else?

Why did Thomas think Simon & Jesus walking on the water was the second most amazing thing he’d seen all day? Which miracle did this former Wedding server think was the best that day?

Season End Questions

- Which disciples or character did you get to know a lot more this season?
- Season three squeezed a lot of emotion out of Jesus' disciples and other followers. What has God done in you these 8 episodes?

Review Psalm 77 again and identify where it relates.