

Group Study Guide

The
CHOSEN

EPISODE 5

For listening, discussion and reflection

SPIRIT



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 3: 1-20; Luke 4: 31-37;
Luke 6: 7, 11;
Psalm 139

The Big Questions:

Which character speaks to you?
Why do you think God is highlighting that person to you?
What does following look like for the character?

What is your one BIG question from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?)

OUTLINE

Seeing a Roman, Mary Magdalene is troubled while memorizing the scriptures. Shmuel and Yanni interrogate Jesse concerning Jesus, leading to them updating the petition to the Sanhedrin. Atticus Aemilius questions Jesse and pursues Simon Z. (the zealot) and Jesus. Searching for Jesus, Simon Z. has come across a demon-possessed man named Caleb. John the Baptizer visits the group and tells Jesus his dangerous mission of going to Jerusalem to call out Herod Antipas' sin for marrying Herodias. John the Baptizer is eager for Jesus to get to work and discusses with his cousin the realness of what they've prepared for. Ramah struggles to learn how to read Hebrew from Mary Magdalene. Matthew continues to have trouble fitting in among the disciples of Jesus, coming into conflict with Thomas.

When Simon Z. finds the disciples' camp, the demon-possessed Caleb attempts to attack the group after Mary Magdalene confronts him, but Simon Z. tries to suppress him. Jesus returns to the camp and heals Caleb, casting out the demon, Belial, in with a sudden gesture. That day, Simon Z. surrenders himself and is officially called by Jesus. John the Baptizer submits to Jesus and then departs from him to carry out the mission. Devastated by the encounter earlier on the exorcism, Mary Magdalene goes to a tavern. Learning Mary Magdalene has gone, Jesus instructs Simon and Matthew to look for her.

OTHER QUESTIONS

1. What stuck out to you about this episode? Were there any scenes that you found particularly interesting or moving?
2. Do you have any questions about what happened?
3. How would you describe the character of John the Baptist as he's adapted in The Chosen? Does it fit with the way you pictured him?
4. What did you notice about the way Jesus and John the Baptist related to each other?
 - Were you surprised at how John the Baptist and Jesus disagreed with each other?
 - What did they disagree about? How did their disagreement reflect their unique missions?
 - What did you notice about the way John and Jesus talked through their disagreements and came to an understanding of one another?
 - At the end, why is Jesus sad?
5. Jesus tells Simon the Zealot that He has everything He needs, but he WANTS Simon Z. with Him. How did that scene make you feel? Have you felt like Simon Z.?
6. Mary lets her past get the best of her and believes she isn't worthy to stay at the camp and learn from Jesus. How do we keep ourselves, and each other, from feeling this way?

QUOTES

"Welcome back." - Jesus to Caleb

"I just dropped the basket and ran. I totally ignored the prayers in my hands." - Mary