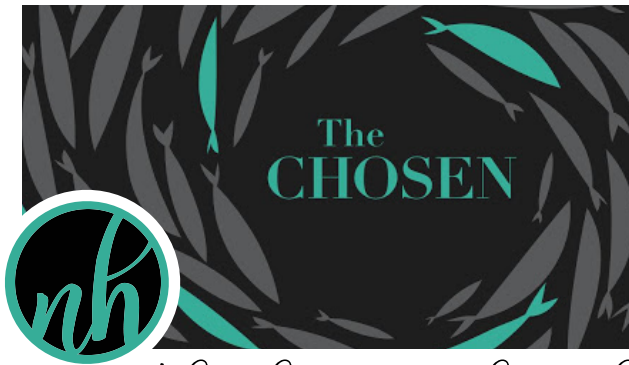


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Series Summary

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SERIES SUMMARY

No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you! Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on earth with Him - the disciples, Mary His mother, the Pharisees, the children, those He healed. Now you can experience it! The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of Hollywood, The Chosen allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

The Chosen stays faithful to the Gospels and at the same time tells us a story that is in-between the lines of Scripture. This TV series brings to life those people mentioned in the Bible, using the historical context of life at the time of Jesus. The series does not contradict Scripture but instead puts life around it so that we as viewers can imagine, "What was life like with Jesus?" It really could have been this way.

We at North Haven Church believe that as you encounter the characters in The Chosen, each week for the next eight weeks, you will build a new curiosity about the life of Jesus and those that followed Him when He walked the earth. This series, along with the study guide, can give a better understanding of Jesus as both God and human.

The accompanying short Bible verses with each study guide reflection will help set the foundation. We encourage you to read through them first. Then, as you watch each episode, what was happening in-between the lines of Scripture will be brought to life in a deeper, entertaining, and powerful way. After watching each episode, allow the reflection study guide questions to help you digest what you've both read and watched.

We hope that as our church encounters the characters in The Chosen, we will be able to relate to them, leading us ever closer in our relationship with Jesus, our Savior. The Chosen is a fresh look at the Gospels for those reading the stories for years or for those who are curious about who Jesus is and what He's done.

We hope this study guide will prove helpful for you. You can use it in a small group setting, for personal Bible study, or as a family discussion guide!



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DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN ENJOY THE CHOSEN SERIES

- **Watch for free in the mobile app.**

- You can get it here: www.thechosen.tv/app, or search "The Chosen" in your Apple or Android device's app store.
- From the app, you can stream to your TV using another device, such as Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Chromecast, etc.

- **You can purchase a Pay-it-Forward package in the app.**

- This option not only gives you lifetime digital access to season 1 of The Chosen, but it also sends streams all over the world to others who may not have the chance to watch.

- **Purchase the DVD/BluRay at The Chosen store by going to this website: thechosengifts.com**

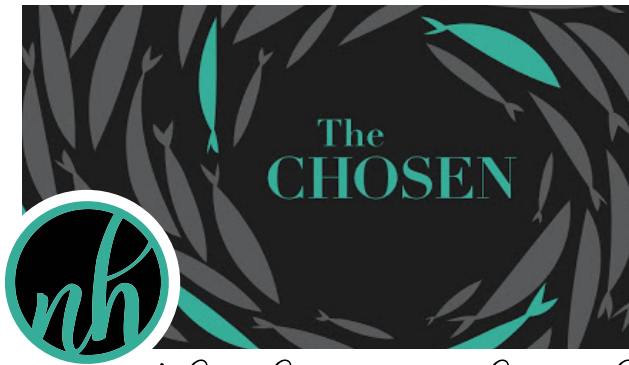
- The disc sets include Spanish and English subtitles and Spanish dubbed language.
- When you purchase the DVD/BluRay, you also get digital access.
- Just log into the web/app with the same email and password you used to purchase the disc.

- **Watch on VidAngel.**

- If you'd like help getting started with VidAngel, you can go to this website: vidangelsupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360055415792-How-Do-I-Get-Started-with-VidAngel-

- **If you have purchased digital access, you can watch it on The Chosen player here: watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen.**

The staff at North Haven would be delighted to help you view this fantastic series. Don't hesitate to contact us if none of the above options works for you at admin@northhavenchurch.org.



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HOW TO STREAM ONTO MY TV

- **From The Chosen app, you can stream to your TV using one of the following devices:**
 - Chromecast
 - Apple TV
 - Fire TV / Fire Stick
 - Android TV
 - Roku
 - Samsung Smart TV (Android only)
- **The process is simple:**
 - Make sure your TV is ready and that it's connected to the same internet as your mobile device.
 - Click the 'Cast' button. It's available in two places:
 - On the main screen in the top right corner
 - OR in the watch screen after you've hit play
 - Clicking either option will bring up a list of your devices to choose from.
 - Choose your device and follow the prompts to cast it up to your TV.
 - To stop casting, click on the cast icon again.



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EPISODE 1

I Have Called You By Name

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SUMMARY:

Mary may not be a Bible character you have personally empathized with before. You may also not have imagined what everyday life was like for Jesus' disciples: their daily work, troubles, and family. That will all change after watching this episode!

QUOTE:

"What if it's more beautiful and strange than we could ever imagine?" - Nicodemus

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES:

Isaiah 43:1; John 3:1; 1 Corinthians 9:5

CHARACTERS:

Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter, and Andrew

THE BIG QUESTION:

Your one BIG question from this episode?

THINK ON THIS:

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

QUESTIONS:

1. Which character/s stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. Who was the more identifiable character for you - Nicodemus or Mary Magdalene? Why?
3. What did you think about how enticing wealth was for Matthew and yet how hated he was for his willingness to work for Rome and extort his fellow Jews?
4. What did you think about the timing of the appearance of Jesus? What were the filmmakers saying about Jesus' intentionality and timing?
5. We are shown each character's "before Jesus" life. What does an encounter with Jesus do to people? How is your encounter with Jesus changing YOU?
6. What parts of your "before" has God redeemed, and which are you most grateful for?
7. How does "I have called you by name, you are mine" impact you today?
8. What has Jesus delivered you *from* and *for*?
9. Who is someone in your life that needs to "come and see" Jesus? Pray for that person (individually or with the group).



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EPISODE 2

Shabbat

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SUMMARY:

In this episode, we see Nicodemus pursue the woman who was miraculously healed after his failure. The Jews observe the weekly Shabbat dinner, which features a surprise visitor to Mary's house.

QUOTE:

"I don't understand it myself. I was one way and now I'm completely different. And the thing that happened in-between was Him. So yes, I will know Him for the rest of my life!" - Mary Magdalene

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES:

Mark 3:16-18; Mark 16:9; Luke 8:2;
Proverbs 31:10-31; Revelation 3:20;
John 1:46; Genesis 2:1-3

CHARACTERS:

Quintus, Gaius, Nicodemus, Matthew,
Mary Magdalene, Peter, Andrew, James,
John

THE BIG QUESTION:

Your one BIG question from this episode?

THINK ON THIS:

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

QUESTIONS:

1. Which character/s stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. Why was Nicodemus so shocked about the news regarding Mary Magdalene being seen in her right mind?
3. How does it feel seeing Mary in her right mind, knowing it was her encounter with Jesus that delivered her?
4. Simon (Peter) said to his wife, Eden, "I've got this." When was a time in your life that you thought you could control your circumstances only to see them spin out of your control?
5. Nicodemus' history lesson about Antiochus leads to a significant question, "Who is responsible for suppressing our worship now?" when he sees the priests dining in extravagance. How is our worship suppressed or distracted these days?
6. Jesus invited Himself into Mary's Shabbat observance. How does that resonate with you?
7. Who is the last person you invited into your life/home for the purpose of telling them about what God has done in your life?



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EPISODE 3

Jesus Loves the Little Children

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SUMMARY:

This episode introduces us to children who demonstrate for us how to listen to Jesus. The bold and simple faith of childhood is on display. They are naturally entranced by Jesus' kindness and gentleness, as they learn a great deal from His simple message of love and grace.

QUOTE:

"I hope my next students ask the same questions. I hope when the time comes they will tell others about me like you have." - Jesus

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES:

Mark 10:14; Matthew 18:3-5;
Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Isaiah 61:1-2;
Luke 4:18-19; Matthew 6:9-15;
John 12:28, 17:1

CHARACTERS:

Jesus, Children

THE BIG QUESTION:

Your one BIG question from this episode?

THINK ON THIS:

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

QUESTIONS:

1. Which character/s stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. Jesus was both playful and purposeful as He related to the children. What does that say about how we are to relate to others?
3. In this episode, Jesus is seen praying routinely and passionately. What is your prayer life like? How does this portrayal of Jesus' prayers encourage you?
4. Jesus' responses to some of the children's questions seemed evasive or incomplete. Why do you think that is? And how does this relate to His responses to your questions?
5. Jesus' gift reminded Abigail that He did not come only for the wealthy. How does that make you feel about Jesus? What does that mean about how we as His disciples treat people?
6. Why do you think Jesus welcomed these children? What does this say about how much He desires to welcome you?
7. What would it take for you to trust Jesus with fresh eyes - with the absolute faith of a child?



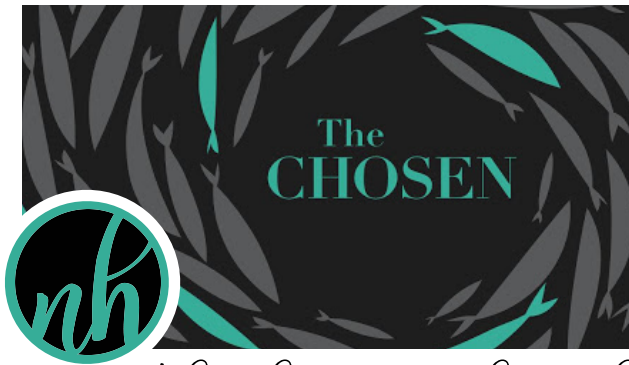
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The Rock on Which It is Built

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SUMMARY:

When a person tries to provide for their family, desperate times call for desperate measures. Simon Peter reaches his lowest and most desperate point before Jesus intrudes in the best way possible.

QUOTE:

Edith: *"Where is your faith?"*

Peter: *"Faith isn't going to get me fish."*

Edith: *"You have not pursued the Lord lately. You're off to try to fix it again...No more talking. Maybe God can get your attention now."*

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES:

Matthew 13:47-52; Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 8:10; Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 3:1-7

CHARACTERS:

Jesus, Matthew, James, John, Andrew, Peter, Nicodemus, John the Baptist, Joseph of Arimathea, Zebedee

THE BIG QUESTION:

Your one BIG question from this episode?

THINK ON THIS:

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

QUESTIONS:

1. Which character/s stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. The night on the Sea of Galilee amplified the encounter with Jesus in the morning. In your life, how have you experienced Jesus coming to you after a "dark night?"
3. What did you learn about Matthew's character? What do you think about the portrayal of him seeing Jesus at the lake?
4. Andrew met Jesus through John the Baptist and is confident He's the Messiah. What do you think about his longing for Peter to know Jesus? Who is your "Peter?"
5. What was the role of John the Baptist (Luke 1:8-17, 3:1-9)? How is this also our role as the church?
6. How did it feel to see Zebedee encourage his sons to follow Jesus? Who encouraged you?
7. Jesus told the fishing brothers that they would become fishers of men. What did that mean for them? Is that our mission as well? Why or why not?



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EPISODE 5

The Wedding Gift

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SUMMARY:

In this episode, we first see Jesus in a definitive moment during His childhood, which provides essential clues to His life ahead. Fast-forward to adulthood: Jesus has begun to call followers, but at first, they're confused. Yes, they believe. But what will they do next?

QUOTE:

"He is here to awaken the earth, but some will not want to awaken. They are in love with the dark. I wonder which one you'll be." - John the Baptist to Nicodemus

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES:

Luke 2:41-52; Jeremiah 33:10-16; 1 Kings 19:19-21; John 2:1-12; Proverbs 30:4

CHARACTERS:

Jesus, Mary the mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, Nicodemus, Simon, Thomas

THE BIG QUESTION:

Your one BIG question from this episode?

THINK ON THIS:

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

QUESTIONS:

1. Which character/s stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. How do you think Jesus' parents struggled in raising Him?
3. Instead of condemning John, Nicodemus sat down and said, "Tell me about your ministry." When was the last time you sat down and talked to someone you don't agree with and simply said, "Tell me more."?
4. What did you think of Eden's response to Peter's calling?
5. Just as the servants had to draw the water before they saw the miracle, what are ways you can step out in faith because of God's promises?
6. Jesus reassures Thomas that while it's good to ask questions, we won't always understand the answers, or even get answers. How do you handle this?



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EPISODE 6

Indescribable Compassion

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SUMMARY:

Jesus' followers ask questions, learn about their charismatic rabbi, slowly gain faith, and witness incredible things. Their excitement is growing, and people are paying attention. But while the following of Jesus is growing, His enemies are also gaining in number.

QUOTE:

Leper: *"Please don't turn away from me."*

Jesus: *"I won't."*

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES:

Matthew 8:1-4; Luke 18:1-14; Luke 12:36-48; Mark 2:1-12; Matthew 6:1-18

CHARACTERS:

Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Simon, Andrew, Tamar, Leper, James, John, Paralytic

THE BIG QUESTION:

Your one BIG question from this episode?

THINK ON THIS:

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

QUESTIONS:

1. Which character/s stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. There was A LOT of compassion emphasized in this episode. How did Jesus preach about and show compassion? Do you think there is a difference between compassion, giving, empathy, and good will?
3. Leprosy is one of the major diseases during the time of Jesus. It was a sickness that rendered a person no longer worthy of dignity, love, or community in some people's view. Are there any "like" situations in our society today that would cause a person to no longer have dignity in the eyes of others? How do you think Jesus would treat them today?
4. What's holding you back from the kind of faith the leper had?
5. How can you connect with people in your life who aren't part of the "in" crowd, as Jesus did?
6. In order to take such extreme measures, what did the four men, who carried their friend, believe about Jesus?



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EPISODE 7

Invitations

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SUMMARY:

This episode starts with a 1,300-year flashback to a little-known story of Moses and the Israelites. In the present time, Jesus continues to call His followers, forging a core group of people He will prepare for fantastic works ahead.

QUOTE:

Peter: *"Do you have any idea what [Matthew] has done? Do you even know him?"*

Jesus: *"Yes."*

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES:

Numbers 21:4-9; Matthew 9:9-13; John 3:1-21; Psalm 2:11-12

CHARACTERS:

Jesus, Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene

THE BIG QUESTION:

Your one BIG question from this episode?

THINK ON THIS:

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

QUESTIONS:

1. Which character/s stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. Reflect on Nicodemus' journey to believe in Jesus. How did he go from being a devout Pharisee to sitting in front of Him? What character qualities did Nicodemus exhibit?
3. If you feel comfortable sharing - how have you experienced being "born again?"
4. How do you recognize the effect of the Holy Spirit in your life?
5. Did it surprise you how quickly Matthew agreed to follow Jesus, especially in comparison to Nicodemus' hesitation?
6. Stories like the bronze snake can be shocking to us today. What caused the Israelites to suffer? What daily habits can you cultivate so that you obey as quickly as Matthew did?
7. What did you think of Peter's reaction to Jesus calling Matthew? How have you had the same reaction in your life?



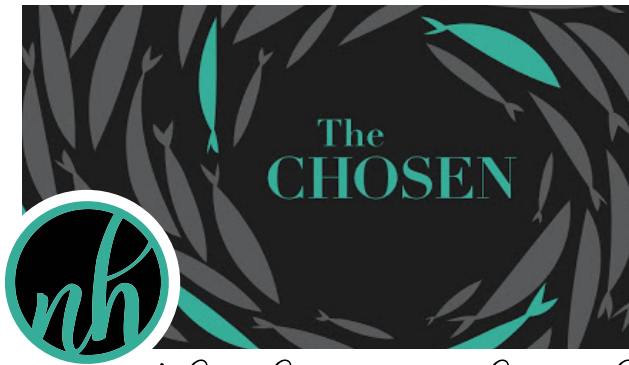
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I Am He

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SUMMARY:

Jesus and His disciples leave Capernaum while under pressure from religious and Roman authorities. The disciples draw together, still confused but yet anxious for the Kingdom to come.

QUOTE:

"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." - Jesus

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES:

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

CHARACTERS:

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

THE BIG QUESTION:

Your one BIG question from this episode?

THINK ON THIS:

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

QUESTIONS:

1. Which character/s stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. Obedience at the risk of derision and opposition from others, or obedience that threatens our usual way of life, can often seem impossible. Discuss the different ways people (Simon, Eden, Matthew, Nicodemus, etc.) reacted to Jesus' directions.
3. Jesus mentions several times that He's not trying to make His followers lives "easy," nor is He here to deliver them from their oppressive government. What is Jesus' purpose in coming and in bringing His disciples to follow Him?
4. Who were the first ones told about Jesus' birth? Who did He first tell about His ministry? What were their social statuses?
5. What was significant about Jesus choosing to talk to the Samaritan woman? How can you model that today?
6. Do some self-reflection. Has there ever been a time in your life where you were as excited about Jesus as the woman at the well? How can we bring back some of that excitement into our lives?



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