

The CHOSEN

I Am He Episode 8

Key Bible Verses

The Pharisees and their legal experts grumbled against his disciples. They said, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn’t come to call righteous people but sinners to change their hearts and lives.” ~Luke 5:31-32

God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth.” The woman said, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us.” Jesus said to her, “I Am—the one who speaks with you.” ~ John 4:24-26

Meet the Characters



Woman at the Well (Photina) – John 4:1-42

Although unnamed in Scripture, she does encounter Jesus as depicted in “The Chosen” at the well of Jacob. After a bit of conversation, the woman says to Jesus, “I know the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us.” Jesus said to her, “I Am – the one who speaks with you.” Impressed by the fact that Jesus knows everything she ever did, she invites many other Samaritans to come and discover if Jesus might be the Messiah, the one called the Christ.

Peter’s mother-in-law – Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39

She was healed by Jesus from her fever and immediately began to wait on Jesus. Mark and Luke both place her healing before the healing of the paralytic. And her healing is followed by Jesus doing many more miracles. This is the only time we see her in Scripture.

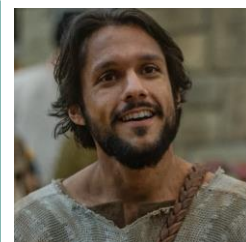


Andrew – John 1:40-42, John 6:8-9

One of the first to follow Jesus and known for introducing his brother Simon/Peter to Jesus. Together with Peter along with fellow fishermen James and John, he leaves everything to follow Jesus after the miraculous catch of fish. He plays a key role in feeding of the 5,000.

Peter – John 1:40-42, Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 16:13-28, Mark 14:66-72

A fisherman known as Simon until Jesus renames him. The name Peter in Greek is petros, meaning rock. He is introduced to Jesus by his brother, Andrew, and follows Jesus after a miraculous catch of fish caused by Jesus. He is well known for walking on water, slicing off a soldier’s ear, denying Jesus three times before being asked by Jesus three times to feed his “sheep.” He is attributed with writing 1 & 2 Peter.



Is that true? (clarifying artistic imagination)

Did Jacob dig a well that Jesus came to centuries later?

Evidently. The well in John 4 is called “Jacob’s well.” Though there is no record of Jacob digging a well, he did come to Shechem, which is called Sychar in John 4.

Was the Woman at Well (Photina) such an outcast? Yes, as Jesus reveals, she has had five husbands and was living with someone who was not her husband. She would have experienced tremendous shame.

Was Simon Peter the only married disciple? Yes, well as far as we know. And Jesus does heal his mother-in-law, who immediately gets up and waits on Him (Mark 1:29-31).

Did Matthew have a party for fellow tax collectors?

Yes, and at this party Jesus was accused of dining with “sinners” as “The Chosen” shows. And Jesus said that He did not come for the righteous but for sinners. (Luke 5:27-32)

Did Jesus claim to be God as Shmuel (the Pharisee) said?

Yes, when Jesus healed the paralytic and called Himself the Son of Man (Mark 2:10), He would have been understood to be applying a divine name from Daniel 7:13 to Himself.

Did Nicodemus almost follow Jesus and then back down?

There is no record of this in the Gospels. Nicodemus was curious about who Jesus was as seen in John 3. He boldly helps to bury Jesus after the crucifixion, likely because he believed Jesus was the Son of God.



In telling the story of the woman at the well, John writes, “The woman put down here water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see...Christ’” (John 4:28-29). The detail of leaving behind her water jar seems insignificant, however, that was the purpose for her coming to the well and water would be necessary to sustain life. Why do you think this detail might be significant?

Growth Questions

1. What is one question you have about the Bible, Jesus, or other characters as a result of watching this episode?
2. As you think back through all 8 episodes, what has impressed you most about Jesus?
3. As we finish Season One of The Chosen, which character can you most relate with? Why?
4. In your own words, explain what you think Jesus means when He says “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick” (Luke 5:31). Refer to Luke 5:27-32 for the context of this statement – Matthew’s dinner party.
5. When you are faced with interacting with someone who you see as “really broken” like the woman at the well, is your instinct to engage with that person or to distance from that person? Do you have hope for their potential or stay skeptical for their life change?
6. In this first season of The Chosen, we have seen Jesus heal the sick, forgive sin, and remove shame. How has he done one of these things for you? Who can you share your faith story with?
7. Perhaps the hardest viewing moment of “The Chosen” so far is watching Nicodemus wrestle with his decision about following Jesus. Can you relate to him at all? How so?
8. Jesus gave the Pharisees a homework exercise: “Go learn what this means. God desires mercy more than sacrifice.” (Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:13) What does that mean to you and how you follow Jesus today?
9. In what ways did “The Chosen” increase your hunger for Scripture? Or for Jesus Himself?
10. In what ways has your impression or understanding of Jesus been sharpened, challenged, or changed as a result of viewing this first season of “The Chosen”?