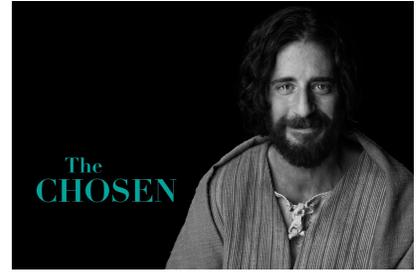


The CHOSEN

Season 1 Episode 1B (second half)

“I Have Called You By Name”

(start after Nicodemus tries unsuccessfully to cast demons out of Mary - at approx 25 min., play to end)



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. The free show tens of millions of people won't stop talking about. A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt. A troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him. Season 1 Episode 1: Two brothers struggle with their tax debts to Rome while a woman in the Red Quarter wrestles with her demons.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What might you ask God about the events portrayed?
2. If Peter was married, as portrayed here, what marital pressures and tensions are present that still exist today?
3. Read Isaiah 43:1 How was Mary encouraged and tempted to be discouraged in relation to this scripture?
4. In what ways can you identify with Mary Magdalene?
5. What are your thoughts about Nicodemus' discouragement and the way his wife tried to support him?
6. What do you think of the reasoning Nicodemus comes to regarding Mary Magdalene when he says "...souls such as hers, sadly, are beyond all human aid"?
7. What are your thoughts about Peter and Andrew's financial predicament? What would you respond to Peter's plan if you were Andrew?
8. What do you think about the timing and location of the appearance of Jesus?
9. Which characters or scenes stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
10. This is only the first episode, but what "takeaways" might you have so far?

PRAYER

Lead in prayer ... end with Isaiah 43:1 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.