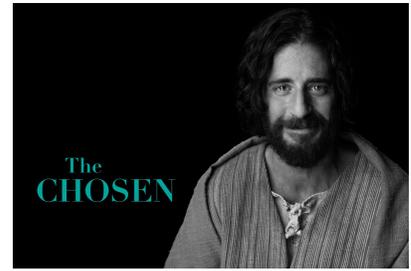


The CHOSEN

Season 1 Episode 2A (first half) “Shabbat”

(end after Simon Peter and Andrew are on shore at night watching for fishing boats - at approx 18 min.)



INTRODUCTION

Season 1 Episode 2: “Shabbat” Matthew validates Simon's claims with Praetor Quintus, Nicodemus investigates the miracle reported in the Red Quarter, and Mary receives surprise guests at her Shabbat dinner.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Which characters or scenes stood out to you the most? Which were the most interesting?
2. What impact do you think the weekly practice of Shabbat dinners and Scripture readings had on family relationships?
3. In our culture, a day of rest has been observed less and less. Do you think we have been negatively impacted by this, and if so, how?
4. If the office of tax collector wasn't a forced position, what do you think motivated tax collectors to serve in that role?
5. Has your understanding of the role of (and hatred toward) tax collectors been changed or deepened?
6. Would you agree with Simon's perspective that he is responsible for his family but not for the merchants? Is this perspective in conflict with “Love your neighbor as yourself”?
7. Why do you think Nicodemus wanted to verify the supposed delayed miracle himself?
8. How did Peter rationalize reporting to the Romans, other fishermen who were fishing on Shabbat?
9. Any lines or quotes you remember that stood out to you?

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. 2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. Genesis 2:1-3

Lead in prayer.