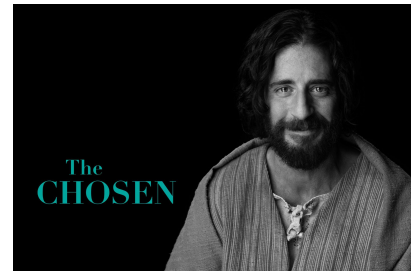


The CHOSEN

Season 1 Episode 5B (second half)

“The Wedding Gift”

(start after Nicodemus leaves John the Baptist, at approx 28 min.)



INTRODUCTION

Season 1 Episode 5: Nicodemus interrogates John the Baptizer while Jesus and his students make their way to a wedding celebration in Cana. When the wine runs low, Mary asks her son to intervene on behalf of the bridegroom's family.

Did Thomas serve at the wedding? We have no record of Thomas serving at the wedding or being called to follow Jesus there. The show's portrayal of Thomas as a “measurer” and “doubter” is consistent with the character we see in the gospels who has become known as “doubting Thomas” (John 11:16; 14:5-6; 20:24-29).

Did Jesus make the wine at the request of Mary? Yes – see John 2:1-12 for this account.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Which characters or scenes stood out to you the most? Which were the most interesting?
2. We continue to see the humanity of Jesus on display. How did it feel to see Jesus playing with children at the wedding and dancing with the other wedding guests?
3. In the episode, Mary Magdalene was quite content not knowing where Jesus was leading them. How do you deal with not knowing where Jesus is leading you?
4. In the conversation of the disciples at the wedding feast, Peter says, “I do not know why He picked me” and he dismisses himself as unqualified to follow Jesus. How have you been like Peter in this scene?
5. “If not now...when?” What does that question mean to you?
6. Thomas says, “From the directions you have provided I see no logical solution to the problem.” Jesus says, “It’s going to be like that sometimes Thomas.” Why do you think Jesus did not rebuke Thomas?
7. As the disciples experience Jesus, they exhibit such joy and excitement. Share about a time when you remember feeling especially enthusiastic about Jesus.
8. Compared to some cultures, our church culture tends to be slow to show emotion. Is this to our own detriment?

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

John 2:11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.