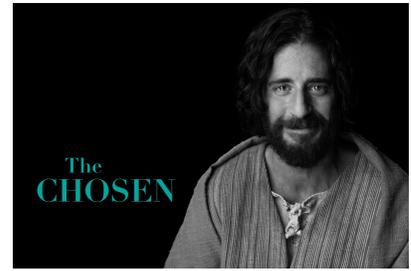


The CHOSEN

Season 1 Episode 6B (second half)

“Indescribable Compassion”

(start after Simon and Andrew’s conversation
with Matthew, at approx. 25 min.)



INTRODUCTION

Season 1 Episode 6: Matthew wrestles with many questions about what he saw; and after witnessing the healing of a leper on the road to Capernaum, a woman forces her paralytic friend through the crowd to meet Jesus.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Which characters or scenes stood out to you the most? Which were the most interesting?
2. As the crowd begins to gather at Zebedee’s house, Simon is worried and we see him struggling to know what to do in his role? John encourages him. What times in your life have you struggled to know what it means for you to follow Christ?
3. Nicodemus says to Shmuel, “We are still students. All of us! Our understanding will never be complete.” How can we nurture such a humble hunger to keep growing spiritually?
4. So much is happening at Zebedee’s house. Simon seems unwilling to help Tamar and her paralytic friend, perhaps because of his other concerns, but Mary tries, but doesn’t want to interrupt Jesus or make a scene. Can you identify with these feelings? What do you think Jesus wants us to do with them?
5. What do you think of the paralytic’s question: “What if you were me?”
6. In order to take such extreme measures, what must have the friends of the paralytic believed about Jesus?
7. Did Nicodemus really ask Mary for a meeting with Jesus? We know that Nicodemus “came to Jesus at night” (John 3:2) but we do not know how that meeting was arranged. How are Nicodemus’ and Matthew’s questions similar?
8. In the episode, the children asked Matthew if he was lost and he said, “Yes.” What do you think he meant? When was a time you felt lost?
9. What might be your biggest “takeaway” from this episode?

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

Mark 2:4-5 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”