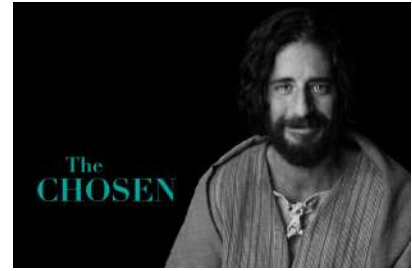


The CHOSEN

Season 1 Episode 7A (first half) “Invitations”

(end after Matthew visits his mother, at approx. 18 min.)



INTRODUCTION

Season 1 Episode 7: Matthew struggles to reconcile the miracles he has witnessed with reality. Nicodemus meets with Jesus by night.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

- Scenes:
 - Moses & Joshua: Bronze Snake
 - Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14
 - Matthew & Gaius (soldier)
 - Nicodemus, Zohara (wife), Quintus (Roman Praetor)
 - Jesus & his followers
 - Matthew & his mother
- Which characters or scenes stood out to you the most?
- Moses to Joshua: “It’s an act of faith, not reason.” How have you seen this struggle in your life and others? Proverbs 3:5
- What are main motivations for Quintas?
- Why do you think Nicodemus hasn’t been completely open with his wife about his thoughts about Jesus?
- Jesus responds to John’s question about the inconvenience of their living arrangements: “I want to do the will of my Father and to spread the message of salvation, so yes, I’m happy to not stay in one place. What can we learn from this perspective?”
- Jesus: “Hospitality isn’t just for people who own homes.” Do we sometimes wrongly reason that there aren’t ways for us to be generous?
- Matthew’s mother: “We never dreamed you’d use the talent God gave you to bleed your people dry!” Discuss the struggle of a parent trying to love a child they think is making bad choices.
- Why do you think Matthew went to visit his mother?
- What might be your biggest “takeaway” from this episode so far?

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Lead in prayer.