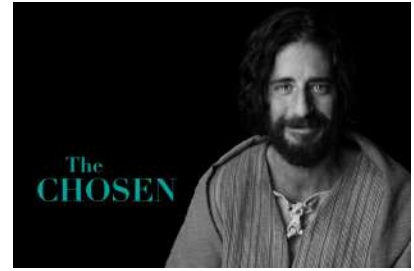


# The CHOSEN

## Season 1 Episode 7B (second half) “Invitations”

(start 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:
  - Jesus at Simon's house
  - Nicodemus & Jesus meeting, John 3:1-21
  - Jesus calling Matthew, Matthew 9:9
- Which characters or scenes stood out to you the most?
- Reflect on Nicodemus' journey to Jesus. How did he go from being a devout Pharisee to sitting in front of Jesus? What character qualities did he exhibit?
- If you feel comfortable sharing - how have you experienced being “born again?”
- How do you recognize the effect of the Spirit in your life?
- What do we consider our greatest problems? Nicodemus points to taxation and oppression. Jesus: “Sorry to disappoint you, but I did not come to deliver the people from Rome but from sin, from spiritual death.” Are the voices we hear in our world much different? Are my priorities too much like the world's?
- Reasons for Nicodemus not fully following Jesus; I have a good position, my family, getting advanced in years ... What reasons do I give?
- Did it surprise you how quickly Matthew agreed to follow Jesus? Especially in comparison to Nicodemus' hesitation?
- What did you think of Peter's reaction to Jesus calling Matthew? Do we sometimes have the same reaction today?
- Quote to remember ... Jesus to Peter: “Get used to different.”
- What might be your biggest “takeaway” from this episode?

### SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

John 3:14-15 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”