

The CHOSEN

EPISODE 1 - I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME

Introduction - Isaiah 43:1 “But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine” plays a key role in this episode. What does this verse mean for you?

Main Characters (listed in order) - For each main character write things you learn about them: their past, current situation, struggles, personality.

Scenes and questions to consider can be found on pages 2-3. A more reflective guide can be found on pages 4-5. Use this one only after watching the episode.

Lilith -

Nicodemus -

Quintus -

Matthew -

Gaius -

Simon -

Andrew -

Simon's wife -

I. Introductions to Characters

II. Nicodemus teaches

1. Throughout the episode take note of how Nicodemus teaches about God's Word and the law

III. Nicodemus prepares for an exorcism

2. Throughout the episode and season take note of the relationships and tensions between different groups (Jewish, Roman, Tax Collectors, Pharisees, & Fisherman)

IV. More Introductions

V. Nicodemus meets Lilith

3. What words does Nicodemus use to attempt the exorcism?

VI. Simon and His Wife

VII. More with Lilith

4. What different issues is Lilith struggling with?

5. Throughout the episode what ways to cure her problems does Lilith seek or are suggested / given to her?

VIII. Nicodemus reacts to the day

6. What questions are Nicodemus dealing with?

7. What are some key points to Nicodemus' message?

IX. Andrew and Simon go to pay taxes

8. Describe the interaction between them and Matthew

9. How did Simon "solve" their problem?

X. Lilith called by her name

10. What did it mean for Lilith to be called by her real name and to hear the words she heard?

Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

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The Story of Jesus: For Us

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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Isaiah 43:1
- ▶ John 3:1
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 9:5

CHARACTERS

Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Andrew

The Big Question:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?)

Bring to Group:

Write a paragraph about how this episode helped you think about **Jesus' intentionality and timing** in His encounters with people.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. Who was the more identifiable character for you - Nicodemus/Mary Magdalene? Why?
3. Did Peter's marriage surprise you? Why?
4. What did you think about how enticing wealth was for Matthew and yet how hated he was for his willingness to work for Rome and extort his fellow Jews?
5. What did you think about the timing of the appearance of Jesus? What were the filmmakers saying about Jesus' intentionality and timing?
6. What were your impressions of Nicodemus and his helplessness before the demon-possessed Mary Magdalene?

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

7. In what ways can you identify with Mary Magdalene?
8. We are being shown each character's "before Jesus" life. What does an encounter with Jesus do to people? How is your encounter with Jesus changing YOU?
9. What parts of your "before" has God redeemed, and which are you most grateful for?
10. How does "I have called you by name, you are mine" impact you today?
11. What has Jesus delivered you *from* and *for*?
12. Who is someone in your life who needs to "come and see" Jesus? Pray for that person, then go make the introduction. Trust Jesus to do the convincing.

QUOTES

"What if it's more beautiful and strange than we could ever imagine?" (Nicodemus)