

The CHOSEN

EPISODE 2 - SHABBAT

Introduction - "Shabbat" means not just rest or sleep, but to cease from work (Ex. 20:8-11). So, the Sabbath was and is a day of communal observance that God's people do together, primarily marked by abstinence from work—though that's not all it's about. God built a day off work into His system because He's gracious to His creation and intimately in tune with our needs. We need a day off to hit the reset button, to attend church, and to spend time with people we love—because of course we do. But none of that compares to God's primary intention behind the commandment. Why and how do we struggle with rest in our world today?

Main Characters - 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.

Mary



Nicodemus



Matthew



Simon



Other characters

- Andrew
- James
- John

- Gaius
- Quintus
- Jesus

I. Introduction to Shabbat

II. Lilith is healed

III. Matthew meets Quintus

2. Why does Quintus find Matthew interesting? Why do you think Matthew acts this way?

IV. Simon and Andrew

V. Nicodemus learns Lilith is healed

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

VI. Preparing for Shabbat

VII. Matthew's background

4. Throughout this episode (and from the last one) make note of what Matthew does and doesn't have in life.

VIII. Nicodemus meets Mary

6. Take special note of this conversation between Nicodemus and Mary. What words do you find to have special meaning?

7. What has changed for Mary? What has changed for Nicodemus?

IX. Celebrating Shabbat

8. Compare the different Shabbats that you see.

9. What is interesting about where Jesus celebrates the Shabbat?

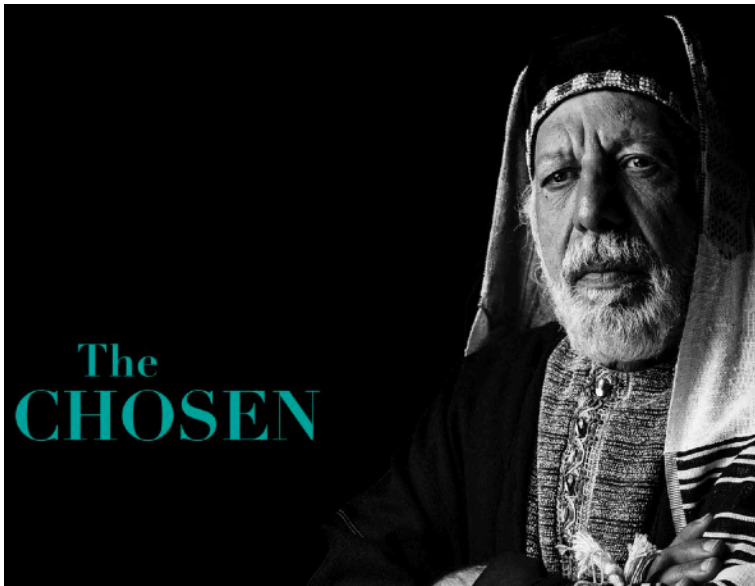
10. Where is Jesus present in your life?

11. How does Jesus give you rest?

Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

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The Story of Jesus: For Us

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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- ▶ Mark 3:16-18
- ▶ Revelation 3:20
- ▶ Mark 16:9, Luke 8:2
- ▶ John 1:46
- ▶ Proverbs 31:10-31
- ▶ Genesis 2:1-3

CHARACTERS

Quintus, Gaius, Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Andrew, James and John

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:

What quote from the movie was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

1. Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?
2. How has your understanding of the role (and hatred toward) tax collectors been enhanced?
3. How do you feel about the development of Peter's character? And Andrew's role?
4. Why was Nicodemus so shocked about the news about Mary Magdalene being seen in her right mind?
5. Matthew said that his father said he has no son. How did this impact your view of him?
6. How did you feel seeing Mary in her right mind, knowing it was her encounter with Jesus that delivered her?

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

7. Simon (Peter) said to his wife, Eden, "I've got this." When was a time in your life that you thought you could control your circumstances only to see them spin out of your control?
8. Nicodemus' history lesson about Antiochus leads to a significant question, "Who is responsible for suppressing our worship now?" when he sees the priests dining in extravagance. What was going through his mind? How is our worship suppressed or distracted these days?
9. Mary hosts her first Shabbat meal (Sabbath). How did that impact you? Seeing her turn to God and be so welcoming to others?
10. Jesus invited Himself into Mary's Shabbat observance. How does that resonate with you?
11. Who is the last person you invited into your life/home for the purpose of telling them about what God has done in your life?

QUOTES

"I don't understand it myself. I was one way and now I'm completely different. And the thing that happened in between - was Him. So yes, I will know him for the rest of my life!" (Mary Magdalene)