

The CHOSEN

SEASON 2 EPISODE 1 - THUNDER

If you personally knew Jesus what would you remember the most about him? What words would have had the most impact on you? In the beginning of this episode the disciples share about how they met Jesus and John considers what he will write in his Gospel.

This episode explores the power of the Word, the power of Jesus' Word, and what it means that he is the Word. Hebrews 4:12 says *"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."* Though we didn't know Jesus personally we have the Bible and his Word. All of the questions asked above we can answer because we have his Word. His Word also tells us about ourselves and penetrates our souls. God has his ways, his love, and his words. Man has his ideas, his prejudices and his plans. The ways of God and the ways of men are contrasted in this episode. **Seek and you will find.** Seek his ways not man's ways.

Scripture References:

John 1 (Intro to John's gospel that you see being written at the end of the episode);

Luke 15: 1-7 (One of the tellings of the parable of The Lost Sheep);

Matthew 4:18-22 (Jesus calls James and John);

Luke 10: 25-37

Context - Most of the episode takes place in and around Sychar in Samaria. Jews and Samaritans have a history of hostility towards each other.

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. Additional questions and information can be found on page 4.

The Disciples -

Photina -

John -

Thomas -

James -

Ramah -

Simon -

Kafni -

Mary (the mother of Jesus) -

Melech -

Others -

I. Flashforward to the Beginning

1. What aspects of the gospels and history of the disciples do you see in the introduction?

II. Planting

2. Why are James and John happy to be working the soil? Pay attention to how they feel and why. This will be made more clear throughout the rest of the episode.

III. Searching for Jesus

IV. Searching for the lost

3. What parable does Jesus tell in Sychar? How does this parable play an essential part to the themes of this episode?

V. Man's Plans vs God's Plans

4. Throughout the episode, take note of all the planning that the disciples make. How do their plans match with what Jesus does? What does this show and teach us?

VI. The Cost of Following

5. Why did Kafni struggle with Jesus and allowing Ramah to follow him?

6. Even though this scene isn't found in scripture how can we say that it is very scriptural? Take note of all the reactions, including those of Jesus.

VII. Not the disciples plans but the plans of Jesus

7. Who is Jesus seeking here? What is he teaching the disciples?

8. Why does Simon chime in when Melech questions if Jesus would help him?

VIII. Slow to learn

9. How do things change in the room as soon as Jesus leaves?

10. What do James and John show here? What has Jesus been trying to teach them?

11. What was unique about how the people in Sychar were coming to believe in Jesus?

IX. In the Synagogue

12. What important points are discussed by Jesus and John? What has John learned?

Bonus

Quick Summary of The Chosen Season 2 Episode 1:

Picking up where the first season left off, the disciple's numbers are growing. And they've still got a LOT of learning to do. This episode focuses on many different characters, but John is the main disciple focus. As the news of Jesus continues to spread, the disciples start to make plans.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What was your favorite moment from Season 1? What about from this episode?

- 2) Have you ever thought of the story of the good Samaritan from the perspective of the robber? Why is that important for what Jesus is trying to teach the disciples?

- 3) "Is that a good thing?" "Today it wasn't" When Jesus calls John thunder he says that fiery passion can be both a gift and hindrance. Share about a personality trait is an asset that sometimes gets you into trouble.