

The CHOSEN

SEASON 2 EPISODE 3 - MATTHEW 4:24

Learning takes time. It takes us time to learn the scriptures and learn who Jesus is and what he has done for us. It also took time for the disciples to understand him and his purpose and how they fit into his ministry. This episode is called Matthew 4:24.

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

This episode is quite different than most of the others. It focuses on what a day in the life of the disciples would be like and what they would discuss and struggle with as they came to know Jesus and each other.

Imagine being a disciple of Jesus on a day when he healed dozens of people. Picture what it would have been like. What do you think the disciples would have been up to while Jesus was busy healing?

As the disciples traveled and lived together, what topics do you think they would have talked about?

Special Note - The first 15 minutes of this episode are shot from one continuous camera shot to help show everything that was going on.

Scripture Zechariah 4 (Prophecy about the Mount of Olives being split in two); Matthew 4: 23-25 (Title of episode/ Jesus travels with the disciples and heals multitudes of people)

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 can be found on page 4**

Matthew -

John -

Philip -

Thomas -

Simon -

Little James -

Andrew -

Ramah -

James -

Mary Magdalane -

Mary (Mother of Jesus) -

I. Learning Scripture

1. What is Philip teaching Matthew with Psalm? What other tips does he give him?

2. Philip tells Matthew, “It’s almost sounds like you don’t want it to be true.” Do we act this way sometimes? Do you know others who do? Why do we do this?

II. Fame and Following the Messiah

3. What is discussed during this conversation about fame?

4. What do the disciples think they know about the Messiah’s coming? What are they questioning?

5. What is discussed about being holy?

6. What is James struggling with?

III. Around The Fire

6. What points are discussed in the conversation about money?

7. What is Andrew worried about?

IV. Raising Jesus

8. What does Mary (Mother) share about Jesus, her history and relationship with him?

V. Sharing around the fire

9. What do the disciples share and learn about each other?

10. What is discussed about the law and being Jewish?

11. Are the disciples being unfair to Matthew? What is true about what they say? What goes to far?

VI. Losing Focus

12. When Jesus arrives, what do the disciples realize?

More Questions for Episode 3

1. What stuck out to you about the episode? Do you have any questions?
2. Did this picture of daily life as a disciple of Jesus fit your expectations?
3. In what ways could you relate to the disciples as they were depicted in this episode? Did they do things or have conversations that you could see yourself having?
4. In what ways were the disciples very different from us, in terms of their culture and what they knew about God's plans?
5. How does this episode help you connect with the disciples?
6. What types of conflict do we see in this episode? How does that mirror real life?
7. What were some of the Person vs. Person conflicts among the disciples? Which of the disciples were fighting each other? What was the issue they had?
8. What were some of the Person vs. Self conflicts that individual disciples seemed to be struggling with?
9. What were some of the Person vs. Society conflicts that some of the disciples seemed to be struggling with? [
10. Which of these conflicts in this episode of The Chosen did you relate to the most? Why?
11. Jesus shows up at the end of the episode, just as some of the Person vs. Person conflicts between the disciples are heating up. What effect did his appearance have? Why?