

# The CHOSEN

## SEASON 2 EPISODE 6 - UNLAWFUL

What is right and wrong in the eyes of God? And how does one become reconciled to God? These are topics focused on in this episode. As people struggle with what to do and how to do it, we also focus on why God does some things and not others. When we fall short and fall back into sin, we question God and ourselves. In all things, all too often we tend to trust ourselves or only look to what we think is possible and not look to God and to see what he has promised and to trust that he can and will do things his way which so often is far better than we could ever imagine.

**Scripture** 1 Samuel 21:1-9 (Daniel gets bread for his men from the temple)  
Matthew 9:14-16 ; Mark 2:18-27 (Breaking the laws of the Sabbath)  
Matthew 12:1-8 (Jesus speaks about David, the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath)  
Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:1-12 (God desiring mercy over sacrifice)  
Isaiah 58:1-14 (Isaiah foresees a different Sabbath.)

**The Chosen Context** - What happened last episode?

What was the purpose of the Sabbath?

What had the Jewish people done with the Sabbath and many of the other laws from God?

**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 2-4. Additional questions can be found on page 4-5. Additional Information about the Episode can be found on page 5**

Matthew -

Yanni -

Simon -

Ramah -

Mary -

Thomas -

Simon (the Zealot) -

Mother Mary -

Shmuel -

Andrew -

## **I. Eating Bread**

1. Why was David in this situation?

## **II. Searching**

2. What is Simon noticing about Matthew?

3. What is Ramah questioning concerning Mary Magdalene leaving?  
What does Mother Mary teach and encourage her?

## **III. Lost**

4. What is Mary noticing about where she is and who she is with?

5. What is Thomas struggling with?

6. What different topics do John and James discuss?

7. What overall theme are the disciples struggling with?

## **IV. Found**

8. Why doesn't Mary want to go back?

9. What does Matthew confess? Why?

**V. More Inquiries**

10. What issues of the law are discussed by the Pharisees?

11. What are Yanni and Shmuel hoping to accomplish

**VI. Trusting in God's ways or Man's ways**

12. What has happened to John the Baptist?

13. How does Jesus act with Mary? What does he say to her?

14. What does Mary say? Why?

15. What important truths are discussed in the conversation between Jesus and Mary?

**VII. Misunderstood**

16. What does Jesus share about how they are being misunderstood?

17. What does Jesus do in the Synagogue? How do the leaders try to do? Why? How does Jesus respond?

18. What does Simon do? Why?

19. When confronted what does Jesus say to the Synagogue leaders?

20. What do the Synagogue leaders do when they return to town? Why do they seem excited? What do they hope to accomplish?

### **More Questions for Episode 6**

1. How did you feel about Mary's storyline in this episode?
2. Have you thought before about the irony of the disciples being hungry following the Bread of Life? How do you think you would have responded to a situation like that?
3. Where are you too legalistic with your faith? Where can you be more understanding and compassionate this week?
4. What stuck out to you about this episode? Were there any scenes that you found interesting or moving?

5. Did you have any questions about what happened?
  
6. During the episode, we saw Mary falling back into the old lifestyle she had before she encountered Jesus. How did you react when you saw how Mary was acting?
  
7. Eventually, when Matthew and Simon find Mary, she's hesitant to return to Jesus. Why? What is she feeling?
  
8. Have you ever felt like Jesus redeemed you from a sin but then fell back into that sin later? Did you feel something similar?
  
9. How do you think we should respond if we discover a friend has fallen back into an old sin? What would be helpful to say? What would be unhelpful?
  
10. How does Jesus respond to Mary when she returns back to him? Do you believe he has this attitude toward you as well?
  
11. When Jesus forgave Mary - where were they at?
  
12. Does anyone recall another famous tent in the Old Testament?

## More Details about Episode 6

- Although Isaiah mostly talks about fasting, it's clear that he views Sabbath the same way. When he says it's not a time for "doing your pleasure," he's not saying the Sabbath has to be a dull. He's referring to earlier in the passage, where "your pleasure" is tied to forcing other people to work while you're busy being religious. The point is that Sabbath is about giving rest to others, not forcing others to work while we put on a religious show.
- Because the Pharisees were so focused on seeing the Sabbath as a sign of personal religious devotion and righteousness, they developed an elaborate set of extra rules not found in the Bible to regulate what you could and couldn't do on Sabbath.
- While the Bible did forbid people from doing work in the fields on Sabbath, the Pharisees went further and forbid hungry people from snagging a little food from a stalk to chew on.
- Like Isaiah, Jesus believed the Sabbath wasn't just a sign of personal devotion. It was about setting the poor and the oppressed free. So he was outraged that the Pharisees got so critical of his poor, hungry disciples.
- But Jesus goes further in his response to the Pharisees. He refers to a story about David's hungry men eating the forbidden bread that was placed in the Temple. He also alludes to how the Levites and Priests break the no-working-on-Sabbath rule in order to serve in the Temple. He then explains that he himself is "Something greater than the temple" - and therefore his disciples should be free to do what they need to follow him.