

# The CHOSEN

## SEASON 2 EPISODE 8 - BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS

Who does Jesus care about and speak to? People can study and read the Bible for years and years. They can know and have knowledge of Jesus. But Jesus and his love for us is personal. He cares for each and every one of the people in this world. He wants them to know of him and his love. And he knows each and everyone of us personally. The diversity of the followers of Jesus and his unique and all surpassing love and teachings are explored in this episode.

### Scripture

Matthew 5-7 (The Sermon on the Mount)

Mark 3:13-19 (The disciples are called)

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

How have the disciples been getting along? Why?

**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.**

Salesmen -

Shammai -

Andrew -

James -

Simon -

John -

Simon (the Zealot) -

Matthew -

Shmuel -

Mother Mary -

Yanni -

Mary -

## **I. Making a Deal**

## **II. Preparations and Questions**

2. How are the disciples interacting with each other? Why

3. What items concerning the sermon do the disciples discuss?

4. What is Mary focusing on? Why?

5. What does Thomas call how the disciples are acting? What can't they agree on?

## **III. Reviewing the deal**

6. What do the two salesmen discuss? What are they seeking?

## **IV. Compiling the Complaints**

7. What is Rabbi Shammai's plan? Why is thankful for all of these reports?

8. How do Yanni and Shmuel react to his plan?

**V. Finding the right words**

9. Why does Jesus say there may be divisions and disagreements among his followers?

10. What is Jesus preparing for? What does he discuss with Matthew? What does Matthew point out? What does Jesus explain?

**VI. Finding the right place**

11. What do the salesmen do to help? What do they decide to do after?

**VII. Final Preparations**

12. What are the disciples concerned about?

13. How does Jesus want to begin his sermon? Why is it a map?

14. What do you find interesting about this episode? What did you like? Anything you find surprising?

15. Who do we meet at the end of the episode?

## More Questions for Episode 8

1. Who was Mary Magdalene before she met Jesus? How has her past caused her some struggles during Season 2? How has Jesus responded?
2. There are two pairs of brothers: James & John, the sons of Zebedee, and Simon and Andrew. How would you describe each pair?
3. In Episode 4 of Season 2 we met another Simon. Who was he before he met Jesus? How has following Jesus been a challenge for him?
4. Many of the disciples look down on Matthew. Why? But what special gifts has he been able to contribute?
5. Why can't the disciples all agree on how to help prepare for the sermon event?
6. Which of the beatitudes feels the closest to you? What about the hardest or farthest from you?
7. Go through the beatitudes and think of one person in your life who portrays each of these traits.
8. Even though, in theory, God could accomplish his purposes by himself, in Episode 8 we saw how Jesus chose to depend on the contributions of his disciples to achieve his mission. In what ways do you think Jesus continues to depend on what we contribute to achieve his mission?
9. Each character in Episode 8 contributed in a unique way based on their gifts and background. What are some unique ways you think you can contribute based on your gifts and background?
10. Even Judas - who eventually betrayed Jesus - contributed in an important way. While contributing to Jesus' mission is important, why should we be cautious about measuring the faith of someone based on what they contribute?
11. How do you think Jesus looks at the contributions that we make to his mission?