

***The Chosen* S4 E2: “Confessions” (Part 1)**

Jesus and His Followers

- Jesus decides that he and his followers will honor John the Baptist on the open road.
- Thomas/Ramah ask Jesus to be her witness (surrogate father). Jesus teaches that following him can divide families. (See Matthew 10:34-39.)
- **At the Gates of Hell¹, Simon declares Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus renames him Peter (“Rock”) and says he will build his church on that rock.** (See Mt 16:13-20, Mk 8:27-30, Lk 9:18-20.)

Romans and Religious Leaders

- Atticus seems worried that Jesus will start a revolution and warns Quintus to do something.
- Jairus tells Yusif that Shmuel has been promoted to the Sanhedrin (and Nicodemus has been absent).
- Shmuel realizes that Jesus’s sincerity has left him questioning his opposition to Jesus.
- Caiphas proposes entrapping Jesus with questions and convincing Rome to deal with him.



2: Confessions (Part 1)

General Questions

- What did you like about the first half of Episode 2? What didn’t you like?
- Outside of Jesus and the 12 disciples, who are your favorite characters in *The Chosen*, and why?

clip: *Simon makes a confession – actually a profession – and gets a new name.*

More Questions

- What did you think of Peter’s profession about Jesus?
- What is one key thing about Jesus that no one – not Peter, not the other disciples, not the other followers, not the Pharisees – realizes or understands? How does this affect their approach to Jesus?
- What will change this? Will the Resurrection? Read Matthew 28:17 and Acts 1:6.

Simon Peter’s Rollercoaster Faith

Up	Down
Andrew leads Simon to Jesus; Simon repents. When Jesus walks on water, Simon joins him . . .	While Andrew follows John, Simon leads a sinful life. . . . but then doubts and sinks.
Simon says Jesus is Messiah and gets new name but then rebukes Jesus and is called “Satan.”
Simon Peter is present at the Transfiguration. He vows to remain faithful, even to death but denies Jesus three times and abandons him.
The risen Jesus appears to Peter and, later, restores him to his previous position as leader.	

What was Peter’s faith like from Pentecost to the end of his life? What evidence do we have for that?

Watch the episode: <https://watch.thechosen.tv/video/184683596183>

¹ On the road to Caesarea Phillipi (Mount Hermon), amidst remnants of pagan shrines to Baal, there was the Gates of Hell, a cultic complex outside a cave that the pagans considered an entrance into the underworld. Near the “Gates” was the altar of Pan.