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## Season 1 of *The Chosen*

### Episode 1: I Have Called You by Name

- Two brothers – **Simon** and **Andrew** – struggle with their tax debts to Rome.
- A woman in the Red Quarter – **Mary Magdalene**, who calls herself Lilit – wrestles with her demons.
- A Pharisee, **Nicodemus**, tries unsuccessfully to cast out the demons.
- **Jesus calls Mary by name and heals her.**

Bible: Mark 16:9 and Luke 8:2

### Episode 2: Shabbatt

- A Jewish tax collector, **Matthew**, tells Praetor **Quintus** that Simon may be lying to him.
- Nicodemus investigates the miraculous healing of Mary.
- At her Shabbat dinner, Mary receives surprise guests: **Little James**, **Thaddeus**, and Jesus.

Bible: none

### Episode 3: Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus befriends and teaches the group of children who discover his camp on the outskirts of Capernaum.

Bible: none

### Episode 4: The Rock on which It Is Built

- **Simon** – joined by **Andrew** and, later, by “**Big**” **James**, **John**, and their father **Zebedee** – spends one last night fishing in a desperate attempt to square his debts.
- As morning breaks, Andrew spots a familiar face (Jesus) teaching on the shores of Galilee.
- After he finishes teaching, Jesus instructs Simon and Andrew to cast their nets one more time. They make a miraculous catch of fish, more than enough to settle Simon’s debt.
- **Simon, Andrew, James, and John agree to follow Jesus.**

Bible: Matthew 3:1-2, 3:4-10, 4:18-22, 13:1-2, 13:47-52; Mark 1:4-6, 1:16-20, 4:1-2; Luke 3:1-3, 3:7-14, 3:18, 5:1-11; and John 1:6, 1:19-28, 1:35-42

### Episode 5: The Wedding Gift

- **Nicodemus** interrogates **John the Baptist**.
- Jesus attends a wedding celebration in Cana, where **Thomas** and **Ramah** serve wine to the guests.
- When the wine runs low, Jesus’s **mother Mary** asks Jesus to intervene on behalf of the bridegroom’s family. **Jesus turns 120-180 gallons of water into fine wine.**

Bible: Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:2-3; Luke 2:41-52, 3:4-6; and John 1:7-8, 1:23-24, 2:1-12

### Episode 6: Indescribable Compassion

- On the road to Capernaum, Jesus heals a leper. An Egyptian woman, **Tamar**, witnesses it.
- Later, while Jesus is teaching a crowd in and around a home in Capernaum, Tamar and some friends lower her paralytic friend through the roof to Jesus.
- As several Pharisees, including **Nicodemus**, and **Matthew** watch, **Jesus forgives the sins of the paralytic and then tells him to rise, pick up his bed, and go home.** He does.
- As he leaves the scene, Jesus sees **Matthew** and smiles at him.

Bible: Matthew 3:11-12, 8:2-4, 9:1-8, 24:36, 24:44, 25:1-13; Mark 1:7-8, 1:40-2:12, 4:21; Luke 3:15-17, 5:12-26, 8:16, 11:33, 13:1-5, 18:1-14; and John 1:15, 1:26-27

### Episode 7: Invitations

- **Nicodemus** meets with Jesus at night.
- **Matthew** struggles to reconcile the miracles he has witnessed with reality.
- As Matthew works in his tax collection booth with Roman **Gaius** by his side, Jesus and his followers approach. Over the objections of **Simon**, Jesus calls Matthew to follow him. **Matthew does**; a stunned Gaius tells him that he will regret his decision.

Bible: Numbers 21:4-9, Matthew 9:9, Mark 2:14, Luke 5:27-28, and John 3:1-21

### Episode 8: I Am He

- At a party at **Matthew's** house, Jesus has a verbal exchange with **Yussif** and another Pharisee, who accuse him of violating the Law by eating with sinners and tax collectors. **Gaius** arrives and again tells Matthew that leaving his job to follow Jesus was a mistake.
- Jesus heals **Simon's** mother-in-law.
- As they head from Galilee to Judea, Jesus takes his students to Samaria.
- In the Samaritan village of Sychar, Jesus tells a woman at the well that he is the Messiah.

Bible: Genesis 33:18-20; Matthew 8:14-15, 9:10-13; Mark 1:29-31, 2:15-17; Luke 4:38-39, 5:29-32; and John 4:4-38

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## Season 2 of *The Chosen*

### Episode 1: Thunder

- The disciples wrestle with the increasing fame of Jesus in Samaria.
- Jesus rebukes **Big James and John** for their prejudice and, after a near-violent encounter, gives them a new nickname: the "sons of thunder."

Bible: Matthew 18:10-14; Mark 3:17; Luke 9:51-56, 10:30-35, 15:3-7; John 1:1-5, 4:39-42, 21:25; and Acts 12:2

### Episode 2: I Saw You

- A Jewish architect named **Nathanael** suffers a major career setback when one of his projects collapses. He sits under a fig tree and cries out to God, asking if God sees him.
- A disciple of John the Baptist, **Philip**, joins Jesus's followers while they camp in a field.
- Philip befriends **Matthew**, shows him how to work with his hands, and gives him advice on **Simon**.
- **Mary Magdalene** offers to teach **Ramah** how to read so that they can both study Torah.
- Jesus and the disciples walk north towards Syria, stopping for a night in Caesarea Philippi.
- Philip introduces Nathanael to Jesus, and Jesus says he saw Nathanael under the fig tree.

Bible: John 1:43-51, 4:43

### Episode 3: Matthew 4:24

- In a field in Syria, many people are in a line waiting to be healed by Jesus.
- The disciples take turns doing crowd control, and the off-duty disciples sit by the fire and talk about their hopes, their childhoods, and how to interpret different prophecies.
- Jesus's **mother Mary** shares some memories of the night that Jesus was born.
- **Simon** and **Matthew** argue; Simon says he'll never forgive Matthew for being a tax collector.
- Jesus, exhausted after a full day of healing people, walks past the disciples on his way to his tent. Mary gets up and helps him get ready for bed.

Bible: Matthew 4:23-25

#### Episode 4: The Perfect Opportunity

The main characters in this episode are **Jesse**, the invalid by the Pool of Bethesda, and his brother **Simon, a Zealot**. After **Jesus heals Jesse**, Simon sees Jesse and decides to leave the Zealots and pursue Jesus. The healing occurs in Jerusalem, on the Sabbath, drawing the ire of the Pharisees.

Bible: John 5:1-13

#### Episode 5: Spirit

- Pharisees **Yanni** and **Shmuel** confirm that Jesus healed Jesse (the paralytic at the pool), but their efforts to report him to the Sanhedrin are stymied by **Nicodemus**.
- Simon the Zealot (“**Z**”) watches the disciples from a distance.
- **Atticus** (Roman “special forces”) snoops around for intel on Jesus and Z.
- Jesus speaks with **John the Baptist**, who says he is planning to confront **Herod Antipas**.
- A demoniac enters the camp, disarms Z, and chokes him. Jesus returns and casts out the demon.
- **Jesus invites Z to become a disciple.**
- **Mary Magdalene** begins to revert to her old way of life by going to Jericho to gamble in a pub. Jesus tells **Simon** and **Matthew** to go and find her.

Bible: Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39, and John 5:14-16

#### Episode 6: Unlawful

- *prologue: While on the run from Saul, David and his men eat bread consecrated for God.*
- **Matthew** and **Simon** find **Mary Magdalene** outside the bar in Jericho and take her back to the disciples’ camp, where Jesus welcomes her and forgives her.
- The disciples get news that **John the Baptist** has been imprisoned again.
- Pharisees **Yanni** and **Shmuel** search for someone to take up their case against Jesus.
- Out of food on the Sabbath, Jesus and the disciples go to a nearby synagogue. There, **Jesus heals a man with a withered hand**, which offends the synagogue leaders.
- After leaving the synagogue, **the disciples pluck some grain to eat**, which offends the synagogue leaders even more. Jesus cites the story of David and the consecrated bread.

Bible: 1 Samuel 21:1-6; Matthew 4:12, 12:1-14, 14:3-4; Mark 2:23-3:6, 6:17-18; and Luke 3:19-20, 6:1-11

#### Episode 7: Reckoning

- Pharisees **Yanni** and **Shmuel** work to build a case against Jesus.
- **Quintus** sends **Gaius** to bring Jesus in for questioning.
- Several disciples panic at the thought that Jesus was arrested just like John the Baptist.
- **Andrew** discovers that **Tamar** and her ex-paralytic friend are standing on street corners, telling everyone about Jesus, and he tells them to stop.
- Quintus chats with Jesus and lets him go, because he doesn’t think Jesus is a threat.
- Jesus returns to the camp and teaches his disciples how to say **the Lord’s Prayer**

Bible: Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:1-4

#### Episode 8: Beyond Mountains

- **Shammai** plans to use **Yanni/Shmuel’s** “dirt” on Jesus against the school of Hillel soon.

- Three disciples search for a location for the Sermon on the Mount. As they negotiate with a local landowner, two businessmen overhear and propose a deal that works for everyone.
- Jesus and **Matthew** decide the sermon needs a more positive intro. Jesus's solution is the Beatitudes.
- The disciples prep for the event.
- A crowd shows up. One of the businessmen goes "backstage" and introduces himself as **Judas**. Jesus steps out from behind the curtain, ready to give his sermon.

Bible: Matthew 5, 6, and 7 (the Sermon on the Mount); Luke 6:17-23, 27-49, 11:2-13, 11:33-36, 12:6-7, 12:22-34; and John 4:45

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### Season 3 of *The Chosen*

#### Episode 1: Homecoming

- Jesus delivers the Sermon on the Mount.
- **Judas** meets Jesus and joins the movement. Later, Judas says goodbye to his sister.
- **Joanna** brings a financial offering and a message from **John the Baptist**. **Andrew** goes back with Joanna to see John in prison. Later, Andrew apologizes to **Mary Magdalene**.
- New administrator **Jairus** joins Pharisee **Yussif**, who was moved by the Sermon.
- **Matthew** goes to his parents' house. His father, who had disowned him, calls him "son."

Bible: same as Season 2, Episode 8

#### Episode 2: Two by Two

- **Matthew** repents and reconciles with his parents.
- A tent city of "Jesus pilgrims" near Capernaum makes the Roman authorities uncomfortable.
- **Atticus** (Roman special forces) tells "**Z**" to thwart the efforts of the Zealots in Capernaum.
- Jesus tells the 12 that they are not just disciples but also apostles. He prepares them to go out, in pairs, to proclaim, to heal, and to cast out demons.
- After the mission, **Thomas** will go to **Ramah**'s father to ask for her hand in marriage.
- **Little James** asks Jesus to heal him; Jesus explains why he won't.

Bible: Matthew 10:1-42; Mark 3:13-19, 6:7-11; and Luke 6:12-16, 9:1-5, 12:4-5, 12:8-12

#### Episode 3: Physician, Heal Yourself

This is a unique episode in that none of "the chosen" – the disciples – appears. The entire episode is based on the biblical account of Jesus being rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

Bible: Matthew 11:1, 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6; Luke 4:16-30; and John 4:44

#### Episode 4: Clean, Part 1

- Two-by-two, the disciples preach, heal, and cast out demons.
- After returning, they grapple with the power and responsibility they've received. They clash on how to raise money and how much they should understand before using their gifts.
- **Mary Magdalene** and **Tamar** work through their differences.
- **Jairus** and **Yussif** discuss Yussif's views of Jesus, which differ from other Pharisees' views.
- Jairus's daughter gets seriously ill.
- Simon's wife **Eden** meets **Veronica**, who has a bleeding condition. Simon and Eden struggle. A poisoned well causes a health crisis. At that well, **Gaius** and Simon converse.

Bible: Mark 6:12-13, 6:30 and Luke 9:6, 9:10

### Episode 5: Clean, Part 2

The focus of this episode is back-to-back miracles – **healing a bleeding woman (Veronica) and raising Jairus's daughter**. Other plot elements in the episode are:

- **Eden** has suffered a miscarriage but has not told **Simon**.
- **Zebedee** pursues his goal of making olive oil to support the ministry.
- Simon and **Gaius** repair the broken cistern; compare Jewish and Roman beliefs, lifestyles.
- Jesus shares a teaching on wine and wineskins: Matthew 9:14-17, Mark 2:22, Luke 5:37-38.

Bible: Matthew 9:14-26; Mark 2:18-22, 5:22-43; and Luke 5:33-39, 8:40-56

### Episode 6: Intensity in Tent City

- **Two disciples of John the Baptist ask Jesus a question; Jesus responds.**
- Decapolis: A Greek-speaking Gentile (**Leander**) informs **Andrew** and **Philip** that, when they preached to the Jews, some Gentiles heard and now believe in Jesus, leading to an uproar in the Decapolis. Also, the teaching was incomplete and needs support (ref. John 12:20-26).
- Romans: **Pilate's wife** has a hazy dream about Jesus. **Quintus** tells **Gaius** to get rid of "Tent City," but Gaius continues to walk a fine line there. **Pilate** meets with **Atticus**, and they discuss how Jesus may complicate ruling Judea.
- Disciples: They debate their roles in protecting Jesus. When **Z's** former order of zealots confronts him, he submits and tells them that Jesus is the Messiah.
- Women: **Mary Magdalene** and **Tamar** gain a better understanding of each other, then help **Zebedee** with the olive grove. **Eden** tells **Simon** she had a miscarriage, and Simon begins to grieve.

Bible: Matthew 11:2-19 and Luke 7:18-35

### Episode 7: Ears to Hear

- **Simon** remains angry and upset with Jesus for not preventing **Eden's** miscarriage.
- **Gaius** tells Simon that he is considering asking Jesus to heal his servant/son.
- Decapolis: **Philip** and **Andrew** report that **the parable of the banquet** stirred up trouble with different people groups in the Decapolis. Jesus takes the disciples there to sort things out but tells **John** to wait for **Simon**. As they reach the Decapolis, Jesus heals a deaf-mute.
- Other plotlines: **Thomas** reports that **Ramah** stayed with her father. Pharisee **Shmuel** continues to try to build a case against Jesus. **Atticus** continues to investigate Jesus.

Bible: Matthew 11:15, 13:9, 13:36; Mark 4:9, 4:23, 7:16, 7:31-37; and Luke 14:16-24

### Episode 8: Sustenance

- As rival groups gather around Jesus and his disciples, Jesus heals a lame man, causing the groups to listen in earnest. Thousands join them.
- Late on the second day, the disciples fret over how the huge crowd will be fed. **Jesus responds by converting five loaves and two fish into enough food for everyone.**
- After the teaching ends, **Jesus sends the disciples to Capernaum** while he stays and rests.
- **Shmuel, Yanni**, and an elder Pharisee head to the Decapolis to get "three witnesses" against Jesus. Jesus invites a "troubled" Shmuel to pray and speak further with him.
- Eden (with **Salome**) asks **Yussef** for a Torah reading for grief. He chooses Psalm 77 and recommends Eden depart for a ritual bath in the mikveh.
- While crossing the Sea of Galilee at night, the disciples encounter a fierce storm. They spot **Jesus walking on the water** toward them. **Simon steps out of the boat and walks towards Jesus, but he loses faith and sinks.** While Jesus extends his hand to pull Simon up from under the water, Eden rises up from her immersion beneath the waters of the mikveh.

Bible: 2 Samuel 11:5; Psalm 77:1-20; Matthew 8:11, 8:23-27, 11:15, 11:20-30, 13:3-9, 13:31-32, 13:44-46, 14:13-34, 15:29-39, 17:20, 21:28-31; Mark 4:2-9, 4:30-41, 6:31-52, 8:1-10; Luke 8:4-8, 8:22-25, 9:11-17, 13:18-19, 13:28-29, 17:5-6; and John 6:1-21

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## Season 4 of *The Chosen*

### Episode 1: Promises

- *flashback*: Mary meets with Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist.
- Fearing for **John the Baptist's** life, **Joanna** visits him in prison. He is escorted away.
- At a banquet that evening, **Herodius's** daughter **Salome** dances for **Herod**. He offers her anything she wants; **she asks for John's head on a platter and gets it.**
- *flashback*: Zechariah prophesizes about John.
- Jesus and his followers learn of John's death.
- Other plotlines: **Ramah** returns; **Thomas** proposes. **Zebedee** and his sons take olive oil to the synagogue and win a contract. **Judas** and **Z** debate using their skills for the ministry.

Bible: Matthew 14:1-12, Mark 6:14-29, Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-79

### Episode 2: Confessions

- **Thomas** and **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 Hell, 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.**
- When **Matthew** complains about Peter's elevation, Jesus encourages him to ask Peter for forgiveness. Initially hesitant, Matthew does so. Peter walks away without responding.
- When Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive Matthew, Jesus responds with **"seventy times seven."** The next day, Peter goes to Matthew, hugs him, and forgives him.
- Other plotlines: **Atticus** wants **Quintus** to do something about Jesus. Pharisee **Shmuel** questions his opposition to Jesus. **Caiphas** proposes entrapping Jesus with questions.

Bible: Matthew 16:13-20, 18:21-22; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-20

### Episode 3: Moon to Blood

- **Jesus heals a blind man on the Sabbath**, making the Pharisees upset.
- Jesus teaches a growing crowd and **confronts the Pharisees.**
- As a potential riot looms, **Quintus** orders **Gaius** to arrest Jesus, but Gaius refuses and is arrested. As Romans move in, **Peter** tells Jesus to leave; the disciples begin to do the same.
- Quintus barrels into the crowd in pursuit, draws his sword, and kills **Ramah** by accident. **Thomas** begs Jesus to restore Ramah to life; Jesus declines.

Bible: 2 Samuel 12:13-23, Luke 11:27-53, John 9 (entire chapter)

### Episode 4: Calm Before

- **Quintus** is demoted; **Gaius** takes his place as Praetor.
- Jesus and his followers mourn Ramah. They return her to her father, who curses Jesus.
- **montage: Jesus's ministry continues and continues to grow.**
- After telling **Matthew** and **Peter** that he believes, **Gaius goes to Jesus and asks him to heal his son/servant, and Jesus does.**
- After **James** and **John** ask for seats of power in Jesus's kingdom, Jesus tells the 12 that his ministry will end in Jerusalem . . . but they don't understand.

- After the disciples leave Capernaum, Jesus cries out (Psalm 38) and is embraced by Gaius.
- Bible: Psalm 38; Matthew 8:5-13, 20:17-28; Mark 10:32-45; Luke 18:31-34; John 4:46-54

### Episode 5: Sitting, Serving, Scheming

- **Joanna** provides more gifts to support the ministry.
- Jesus joins his followers; they head to Bethany to stay with **Lazarus, Martha, and Mary**.
- On the way, Romans compel them to carry their armor and baggage for a mile; Jesus volunteers (everyone) to go two miles.
- the story of Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
- religious leaders: **Shmuel** gives **Yussif** tips on the Sanhedrin. One leader says the Sanhedrin can force Pilate to do their bidding to keep the peace; another wants to get Jesus executed to draw attention to his own cause.

Bible: Matthew 5:38-42, 20:1-16; Luke 10:38-42

### Episode 6: Dedication

- Jesus, the Twelve, and the women celebrate Hanukkah across the Jordan from Jerusalem.
- **Matthew** suspects **Judas** is taking money from the treasury.
- Frustrated that his money-raising schemes are rejected, Judas talks to Jesus, who tells him to pay close attention to the upcoming sermon in Jerusalem.
- Confronted by religious leaders in Jerusalem, Jesus makes his identity plain; they respond by attempting to stone him. When **Big James** is struck in the forehead, Jesus and the disciples flee back to the inn, arriving at night.
- After **Zebedee** tells of a plot to kill Jesus, Jesus announces that **Lazarus** has died.

Bible: Matthew 7:7-11; John 10:1–11:16

### Episode 7: The Last Sign

- On the road to **Lazarus**'s Shiva, Jesus's followers discuss life, the ministry, and their expectations for the future.
- Jesus raises Lazarus. **Thomas** is furious and inconsolable
- Some witnesses carry word of the resurrection to religious leaders in Jerusalem.
- While Jesus explains to Lazarus what will happen next, the disciples debate that very thing.

Bible: John 11:17-46; Psalm 13 and Isaiah 53:3-6

### Episode 8: Humble

- **Atticus** tells **Pilate** the raising of **Lazarus** may be true and Jews may rally behind Jesus.
- Lazarus's sister **Mary** spends a fortune on a jar of nard (perfume).
- **Shmuel** to Council: I will question Jesus. **Caiaphas** predicts Jesus will die for the nation.
- Shmuel and **Yussif** visit Lazarus's home and warn Jesus. As Jesus explains what type of Messiah he is, **Mary anoints his feet with the nard, preparing him for burial.**
- Shmuel and **Judas** object. As Shmuel leaves, he sees Judas outside; the two agree that Jesus should unite the Jews against Rome.
- When **Herod** says Jesus's supporters may revolt, Pilate suggests killing Lazarus.
- Jesus tells **Matthew** and **Z** to "borrow" a donkey and colt from a nearby village; they do so. With his followers behind him, **Jesus rides the colt toward Jerusalem.**

Bible: Matthew 21:1-7, 25:31-46, 26:6-13; Mark 11:1-7, 14:3-9; Luke 19:28-35; John 6:28, 11:45-53, 12:1-15, 13:1, 13:34-35