

***The Chosen* S5, E8: “The Upper Room, Part 2”**

Biblical Highlights: Garden of Gethsemane and Kiss¹

- Jesus and his disciples go to the Mount of Olives, to a garden called Gethsemane.
- He tells his disciples to sit while he prays.
- He takes Peter, James, and John with him, closer to where he will pray.
- Visibly distressed, Jesus tells the three his soul is sorrowful and asks them to watch with him
- Going a little further, he falls and prays that, if it is possible, let the cup pass from him; yet “not as I will, but as you will.”
- Finding the three sleeping, Jesus asks Peter, “Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
- He leaves them, repeats the prayer, and then returns and finds them sleeping again.
- He leaves them and repeats the prayer a third time.
- He returns and says that the hour is at hand when he is betrayed into the hand of sinners, then, “Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”
- Judas comes with a crowd, from the chief priests and elders, armed with swords and clubs.
- Judas had given them a sign that they should seize the man he kisses: Jesus.
- Judas approaches Jesus, greets him as “Rabbi,” and kisses him; Jesus responds, “Friend, do what you came to do.”

Other Highlights

- Atticus advises Pilate to do whatever is necessary to advance the interests of Rome.
- Claudia tells Pilate that he soon will see the terrible things she has seen in her dreams.
- As the Sanhedrin gathers and awaits the delivery of Jesus, Yussif’s and Shimon’s objections are shouted down, but then an ally – Nicodemus – appears.

clips: the beginning and end of the episode

Questions on Discipleship

- The opening flashback describes the blessings and challenges of being a disciple of Jesus, both in the First Century and today. What stood out to you as you watched it?
- With which of the “chosen” – the close followers of Jesus – do you identify most? Why? What are their strengths as a disciple? What are their weaknesses?

Questions on Gethsemane

- Why was the essence of Jesus’s prayer? Why did he repeat it three times?
- How do you think Jesus felt when he found Peter, James, and John asleep three times?
- What do you think the other disciples were doing while Jesus prayed? What would you have been doing if you were one of them?

Questions on Season 5 (and Other Seasons)

- What did you think of Season 5? What were your favorite parts? Least favorite parts?
- Who were your favorite characters in Season 5? Least favorite characters?
- Which has been your favorite season so far? Why?
- How has *The Chosen* affected your faith walk?

¹ Matthew 26:36-50 and Mark 14:32-45 are almost verbatim; Luke 22:39-48 has fewer details.