

The Chosen, Season 5, Episode 4, The Women's Dayenu

In Bethany, Jesus gathers all of his female disciples for a special meal. Going around the table, he thanks each of them for how they have served him along the way: for Mary Magdalene holding a Shabbat, even when she felt ill-prepared and unworthy; for Mother Mary being long suffering and forgiving him when he stayed in the Temple when he was twelve; for Mary and Martha enduring the pain of Lazarus' death and believe he had a purpose; for Eden putting up with the sacrifices of Peter's ministry, for Tamar as a stranger in a strange land putting up with slander and showing beautiful faith; and for Joanna helping Andrew meet John in prison and supporting his ministry. As a final request, he asks them to keep their distance from him during the next few days and Passover, during which he will impart special words to the Apostles. Though the others question why this is, Mary Magdalene recognizes what's been going on, since she's been listening.

In response, the women recite a **new version of the Dayenu**, based on their experiences with Jesus:

Mother Mary: If I had only been given the joy of holding you in my arms and you had not performed signs and wonders (it would have been enough).

Mary Magdalene: If you had only performed signs and wonders and not called me by name (it would have been enough).

Eden: If you had only healed Mary of demons and not called my husband (it would have been enough).

Tamar: If you had only called Simon Peter and not healed my friend (it would have been enough).

Martha: If you had only healed Ethan and not raised my brother (it would have been enough).

Mary of Bethany: If you have only raised my brother and not defended my honor when I worshipped you (it would have been enough).

Joanna: If you had only defended Mary but not given meaning to my life that had been so unfulfilled by letting me support you and this miraculous family that I believe will change the world (it would have been enough).