

The Chosen: Last Supper

Season 5, Episode 1: Entry

Scripture References

in order of appearance

John 16: 16- 33

Psalms 118

John 17

Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21

Mark 11

Luke 19

John 12

Zachariah 9:9

John 12: 23-36

Psalms 136

Matthew 23:7 7

Luke 19: 41-44

How do the different groups (disciples, members of the sanhedrin, the crowds) react to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem?

We see several old friends in this opening episode: Joanna, Barnaby, Shula, Yussif, Jesse, and Veronica. What does Jesus's entry mean to them?

In this episode, we see Caiphas meeting with Pilate to retrieve the garments of the High Priesthood. How does this relationship affect both Pilate and Caiphas?

We see Jesus emotionally shaken in this episode as he wanders the city. How does this very human expression show the great depths of God's love for us?

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Season 5, Episode 2:

House of Cards



Scripture References

in order of appearance

Luke 22: 35-38

John 15: 18-27

Matthew 26: 30-35

Mark 14: 27-31

Zechariah 13:7

Luke 22: 31-34

John 13: 36-38

John 15: 13-14

Exodus 12: 1- 28

Leviticus 4-5

Ephesian 2: 11-22

Matthew 5:17 -30

Leviticus 11, 15

John 12: 9-11

John 11: 45-54

Mark 11: 15-19

Luke 19: 45-49

John 2: 13-25

Mathew 23:33

“Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered...”

Zechariah 13:7

The disciples are confronted with the idea that they will abandon Jesus and be scattered. After following Jesus for so long, how do you think they felt?

Jesus said, “Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers.”

Luke 22: 31-32

How is this both a challenge and a word of hope?

We see Thomas, Kafni, and Naomi still dealing with Ramah’s death in their own ways. After Jesus dies. and rises many people are martyred for their faith.

What is the difference?

When Jesus cleanses the Temple we see a side of Jesus that is not often seen. How do you think you would respond?

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Season 5, Episode 3:

Woes



Scripture References

in order of appearance

John 13:36

John 14: 1

Mathew 21: 13

Mark 11: 17-18

Psalms 69: 9

John 2:17 -22

Matthew 21: 23-

Matthew 23: 1-36

Luke 20: 1-47

Matthew 24: 1-15, 36

Zechariah 14: 4-15

Luke 19: 41-44

Psalms 5

There are many questions in this episode.
Which question and answer by Jesus interests
you most?

Kafni's reaction to Jesus is to shout "No Messiah" after
Jesus' teaching on paying taxes to Rome?

How do we react when
we come upon a hard teaching?

How is Matthew 23: 1-12 a warning not just a warning to
the religious leaders, but also to us?

Jesus encounters David on the Mount of Olives, singing
Psalm 5 and watching over sheep. What are the parallels
between these two?

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Season 5, Episode 4:

The Same Coin

Scripture References

Exodus 12 -13:16
Matthew 26: 14-16. 20-25
Mark 14: 1-2, 10-11
Luke 22: 1-6
Judges 11
Judges 21:25
John 14: 21-30
John 12:6
Matthew 21: 18-22
Mark 11: 12-14, 20-25

What stood out to you in this episode?

The beginning of this episode Jesus and the disciples are reciting the Dayenu. A song that tells the story of the Exodus that Jews were commanded to remember?
How does this apply to us?

We see Judas struggling with what he thinks of as Jesus not doing what he thinks Jesus should be doing?
How do you think this plays into his betrayal?

Women played an important part in Jesus' ministry. In their modified Dayenu, we see how Jesus' interactions with the women, and each of the women's gifts had a role to play. What are the gifts you have that you can utilize for the spreading of the Kingdom of God?

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).

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Season 5, Episode 5:

Because of Me

Scripture References

Matthew 19:28

Matthew 26: 14-16

Mark 11 :12-25

Matthew 21: 18-22

Matthew 27 : 19

Luke 22: 1-6 & 24 -30

Mark 14 : 1-2 &10-11

John 19: 38-42

What stood out to you in this episode?

Jesus tells them that they would eat with him in his kingdom and have thrones from which they were to judge the 12 tribes of Israel. What do you think the apostles were all thinking after being told this, after all that has happened so far this week?

They pass the fig tree Jesus cursed on their way back to Jerusalem. Jesus answers their unasked question about why he did it. Giving the example of the power of faith and the need to produce good fruit what do you think of these interpretations?

We see Pilate's wife deeply distressed by dreams including a garden, olives, and broken graves. Telling Pilate they have to leave the city? The only mention of this actually happening is in the Gospel of Matthew 27: 19. What do you think she might have been seeing in her dreams?

At the end of this episode, we see Judas approaching Caiphas, offering to betray Jesus for money. We also find out who the cloaked figure was spying for, Nicodemus. We have all heard and read about Judas' betrayal. What is it actually like to see it unfold before our eyes?

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Season 5, Episode 6:

Reunions

Scripture References

Luke 22: 15 -20

John 15

Isaiah 9:1

Isaiah 35: 4-6

Micah 5:1

Isaiah 53: 1

What Characters stood out to you in this episode?
Most interesting? Most moving?

We see the institution of the Eucharist in this episode as Jesus offers His body and blood for the establishment of a new covenant.

As a Christian how does understanding the Jewish passover enrich our understanding of the Eucharist?

Nicodemus and Matthias recite various prophets whose words Jesus is fulfilling. What events are they referring to?

Caiphas asks Judas why he is doing this and Judas that he has seen to much yet not enough. How is this a challenge to trust in God even when we do not understand?

Nicodemus is quoting Isaiah 53 when he say, “ He was a man of sorrows acquainted with grief”. Do you think Nicodemus has any idea of what is coming for Jesus?

Bonus question: Does anyone know the importance of the name of Nicodemus' spy?

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Season 5, Episode 7:

The Upper Room Pt. 1

Scripture References

John 13: 1-20

Isaiah 52:7

Luke 22: 1-13

Mathew 26: 17-19

Mark 14: 12-16

Psalms 130

What Characters stood out to you in this episode? Most interesting? Most moving?

We read about the washing of the feet every Holy Thursday as Jesus' example on how one is to serve. How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus washed their feet?

In the gospels Peter and John are told to follow a man carrying a jar (an anomaly), and follow him to the house where a large upper room is furnished and ready. In this episode, the future disciple Mark, is that man.

What do you think of this?

We see flashbacks of the various apostles lives before they met Jesus? How were they led to meet Jesus? Look back and see how God has worked in your life?

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Season 5, Episode 8:

The Upper Room Pt. 2

Scripture References

Psalm 39: 5 -6

Luke 6: 16 *

Acts 1:13 *

John 14: 22*

Matthew 13:55 *

Mark 6:3 *

Isaiah 28:16

Psalm 118

Matthew 21:42

Luke 20:17

Matthew 26: 36-46

Mark 14:32-42

Luke 22: 39-46

Genesis 22:1-19

Ezekial 37:1-14

What did you think of the ending of this final episode?

In Thaddeus' flashback, we see Jesus working on a "public amenity" before calling Thaddeus to help him build a new kingdom. How can we help build his kingdom on earth?

We see a short vision of Abraham on his way to sacrifice Issac. How is this foreshadowing what Jesus is about to do?

Jesus experiences real sorrow and struggle in Gethsemane. How can this help us in our own dark times?

**In the gospels Judas Thaddeus and little James are listed as brothers of Jesus. A more accurate translation is brethren, as they were Jesus' cousins.*