

The Chosen

Welcome to getting deeper with The Chosen

This is an 8-session course to follow along with each of the 8 episodes of season 1. Each study session is composed of three parts:

Read prior to watching the movie

Watch the movie

Discussion and Learning

It is set up this way so that some of the Scripture referenced in the episode for that session is read prior to watching the movie. This will be of great help to learn or be refreshed on various Bible stories – it will help everyone pick up on some of the nuances and intricacies of the writing.

After you watch the episode, there is a Discussion and Learning section. As your family continues through the discussion quest, try asking each question individually as opposed to all at once. Give time for discussion, and then move to the next question. Also, you may want to alter the way some of the questions are phrased a bit to help younger participants fully engage in the discussion.

Hint: Some viewers have found that using subtitles as you watch the show is helpful in order to catch all the names, phrases, cultural customs and more.

For younger viewers there is a “The Chosen Kids Activity Book Season One” available on Amazon, and possibly other Christian Book Stores, that is chocked full of games and activities to keep your grade schooler engaged. Possibly even teens and adults alike! :-)

As you watch The Chosen and go through this study, if you find things that work or don’t work, are helpful or unhelpful, please let [Katrina](#) or [Dyona](#) know. We would love to hear from you about your family’s The Chosen Experience.

A final note – might be obvious but here it is anyway – begin and end each session with prayer, that God’s Holy Spirit would move mightily in our hearts as we read His word and contemplate the beautiful life of Jesus. Shalom! (“God’s peace” in Hebrew)

Bonus content:

The 20 minute Christmas Show “The Shepherd”, which gave birth to The Chosen, can be seen [here](#).

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The Chosen Season #1 Episode #1 “I Have Called You By Name”

NOTE: This episode has a few scenes that may be intense for younger viewers.

Read prior to watching the movie:

Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 8:1-3

John 20:11-16

“Adonai” is translated “Lord”. It is the word that the Jews used to refer to God, in place of His revealed name, “Yahweh”. In order to “not take the name of the Lord in vain”, the Jews developed the practice of never actually speaking that name, but instead calling Him “Adonai”. You will notice in many versions of the Bible that LORD is in all caps in the Old Testament – this is to indicate to us that the actual word there is “Yahweh”.

NOTE: Keep in mind as you watch Episodes 1,2,3, that they are really about setting the stage and giving the backstory of many Biblical characters. So hang in there as much more Biblical material and the real fireworks are coming in later episodes. All 8 episodes offer us a glimpse into what the daily and extraordinary life of Jesus Christ and his disciples might have looked like 2,000 years ago, inviting us into His story.

So get ready and have fun!

Watch the movie

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Discussion and Learning:

1. Mary is from Magdala, on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. Magdala was a wealthy commercial village at which the fishermen on the Sea sold their fish. From there they were then shipped overland to the Mediterranean Sea and around the Roman empire.
 - a. What would this indicate about Mary’s financial status, and how is this reinforced in Luke 8:1-3?
2. Some have identified Mary as the sinful woman in Luke 7:36-39. This idea gained traction in the early church and is reflected in *The Chosen*. However, there is no evidence that she is this woman. There is proof, however, that she is the first person to whom Jesus appears after His resurrection, as you’ve already read.
3. Much of *The Chosen* is intended to fill in potential ‘backstories’ for the biblical characters. It’s painting a picture rather than just giving us the bare bones. As someone said, it’s painting rather than pointing. Of the characters we’ve met today, here’s what we know for sure (the rest is conjecture):
 - a. *Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin (Jewish ruling council in Jerusalem) (John 3:1)*
 - b. *Mary was from Magdala and had seven demons cast out of her. (Luke 8:1-3)*

- c. *Matthew was a tax collector - employed by the Romans but considered a horrible traitor by his fellow Jews. Horrible because he was viewed as a collaborator with the enemy, and because he made his money by charging more than the Romans asked him to collect. (Matthew 10:3)*
 - d. *Simon (Peter) was married (Mark 1:30) and had a brother named Andrew (Matthew 4:18)*
 - e. Fishing on Shabbat (aka The Sabbath, beginning at sundown on Friday and lasting through sundown on Saturday) was strictly forbidden in Jewish law.
4. What were your images of the characters you saw today, prior to watching The Chosen?
 5. Did The Chosen provide any happy surprises or shifts to these images? Any surprises with which you weren't comfortable? Give reasons for your answers.
 6. What did you like about the backstories presented here? Is there anything you'd change, given what you've seen so far?
 7. How did Jesus appear to you? Like you thought? Different?
 8. What is something you saw /learned / were taken aback by that will stick with you to ponder further?

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