

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 chalked 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 #2 “Shabbat”

Read prior to watching the movie:

Shabbat is the way Jews say “Sabbath”. For Jews this is from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. Shabbat begins with the Sabbath meal on Friday evening in Jewish homes. No work is to be done on the Sabbath.

Exodus 20:8-11

Exodus 31:14-17

Proverbs 31:10-31

Luke 14:1, 7-11

John 1:45-46

John 9:1, 6-12

[Watch the movie](#)

Discussion and Learning:

Remember, as you lead the discussion, if there are multiple questions in one paragraph, do not ask them at all at the same time. Ask each one individually. Give time for discussion, and then move to the next question.

1. We meet two disciples of Jesus in this episode, at the Shabbat dinner at Mary’s home. James and Thaddeus. These are two disciples about whom almost nothing is known – this James is not “James, the brother of John” (we’ll meet him later). This James is presumably “James, the son of Alphaeus”, although that is not clear in the movie. Thaddeus is mentioned in Mark 3 and Matthew 10, but he’s replaced by “Judas, the son of James” in Luke’s list of disciples – these are likely the same guy, called by a different name.
 - a. Do you think the directors intended to include a nod to Judas Iscariot as they portrayed Simon leaving his home quickly after Shabbat dinner? Why or why not?

2. What did you notice about the various (as many as six, if you can find them) different Shabbat gatherings and meals that we saw depicted in this episode?

3. Did you catch Jesus winking at Barnaby??? FUN!

4. How did the directors work in some of the biblical stories that we read before watching the episode, transporting the ideas found there into a new location or setting?

5. Were there other allusions that you noticed?

6. Much of what we see in this episode is a continuation of Episode #1, fleshing out backstories before the series will surge ahead.
 - a. What have you appreciated about the backstories as they continue to flesh out in the movie?
 - b. 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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