



The Chosen

Season 2, Episode 1

Thunder

This episode focuses primarily on the disciple John. First, a flash forward about ten years after we left off in Season One at the time of the death of “Big James,” the first disciple to be martyred. His brother, John, is writing to capture the disciples’ memories of Jesus’ ministry. Then returning to AD 36, we see the disciples and Jesus in Samaria where Jesus continues to teach. It moves on to Jesus’ reading from the first scroll of Moses, selected for him by John. At the episode’s conclusion, we flash forward again and see John continuing to write what will become the Gospel of John.

Need to Catch Up?

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Discussion Questions

1. During the introduction, John tells Mary, Jesus’ Mother, that he feels an urgency to record the details of Jesus’ ministry before they are forgotten or misremembered. Since the four Gospels in the New Testament differ, which of them do you find tells the story the best for you? Can you cite some of the differences?
2. James and John strongly dislike the Samaritans; but through their interaction with them, they begin to see them as just people. Have you ever changed your feelings about a person or group after being open-minded and getting to know them? If so, has that changed how you judge people?
3. Rehma’s father, Kafni, mistrusted Jesus and resisted allowing her to follow him; but in the end, he relented, and she remained a part of the disciples’ group. Have you ever had to make such an important sacrifice – to let someone go even though you were not convinced it was in their best interest?
4. The Samaritan, Melich, who was crippled, told Jesus of his guilt after he had robbed a Jew and left him for dead. He wondered if Jesus could ever heal someone like him. Jesus told him to sleep on his thoughts; and the next morning, Melich awoke and had been healed. He knew that Jesus had done it even though he had not been present at the time. Have you ever experienced a “healing peace” after giving your problem over to Jesus?
5. The Hebrew translation of “thunder” is *voice of God*. Jesus calls James and John the “Sons of Thunder” and says that their intensity and fiery passion can be both a gift and a hindrance. Can you identify such a personality trait in yourself? How might you channel that strong passion for righteousness?

Scriptures and Texts

- John 1:1-5 – The Word became flesh
- Luke 2: 16-20 – Mary pondered all these things in her heart
- Hamilton: “Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story”

What Comes Next

Season 2, Episode 2

“I Saw You”

As the disciples prepare to travel to Caesarea Phillipi and then to Syria, we meet Phillip who was sent by John the Baptist to follow Jesus. Phillip and Matthew become fast friends. We also meet Nathaniel, an architect, whose life is in turmoil and who comes to follow Jesus through Phillip. A message arrives for Jesus from John the Baptist.