



The Chosen

Season 2, Episode 5

Spirit

This episode begins outside of the disciples' camp near Jericho in AD 26. Seeing a Roman soldier, Mary Magdalene is troubled while memorizing the scriptures. Pharisees, Shmuel and Yanni, interrogate Jesse in Jerusalem concerning Jesus and update their petition to the Sanhedrin. Atticus questions Jesse and then pursues his brother, Simon the Zealot, and Jesus. Caleb, possessed by a demon, threatens the disciples in the camp before Jesus exorcizes his demon. John the Baptizer finds the group, visits with Jesus and then departs for Jerusalem to call out King Herod. Triggered by the encounter with Caleb and his exorcism, Mary Magdalene flees to a tavern near Jericho. Learning Mary Magdalene has gone, Jesus sends Simon and Matthew to look for her.

Characters – Season 2, Episode 5

Jesus, the Disciples, Simon the Zealot (Simon Z), Jesse (Simon Z's brother), Schmucl (Pharisee cleric), Atticus (Roman inspector), Mary Magdalene, Rehma, Caleb (demoniac)

Discussion Questions

1. When Mary Magdalene saw the Roman soldier on horseback near her camp, she instantly panicked and stopped practicing her prayer. Can you think of a time when you were very frightened or were triggered to panic? Did you turn to God at that moment? If so, did that bring you comfort?
2. Jesus and John the Baptist discussed the latter's plan to confront King Herod. Would you tend to react more like Jesus or more like John the Baptist if you were confronted with what you consider sinful behavior by someone in your world?
3. As news of Jesus' ministry spreads throughout the area, tension grows. The Roman occupiers and the various Jewish sects each have their own reasons to fear this new movement. So Jesus and the disciples face threats from all directions. Imagine that you are one of the disciples. Do you believe you would have the faith and courage to follow Jesus as they do?
4. Jesus already knows exactly who he will call to follow him even before he meets them. For example, he sought out Jesse and healed him when actually his greater objective was to reach Simon the Zealot. In fact, when Simon Z asks why he healed Jesse, Jesus asks, "How else was I to get your attention?" If you believe that God has a plan for each of us, how does that make you feel? How does that impact the way you live your life?

Scriptures and Texts

- 1 Corinthians 13, esp. 11-12. Maturity of faith and person
- Psalm 7: 1-2. This is the Psalm Rema is reading.
- Proverbs 20:1. When Mary ends up in the tavern again, and drunkenness.

What Comes Next

Season 2, Episode 6

"Unlawful"

Flashback to Nob, Israel, 1008 BC where (King) David visits Ahimelech, after fleeing from Saul, to ask for food; and Ahimelech provides shewbread, defying temple law. Then in Jericho (AD 26), Simon and Matthew find Mary Magdalene who returns to the camp and is forgiven by Jesus. At a nearby synagogue, Jesus declares himself the Son of Man and Lord of the Sabbath and references David and the shewbread.