



The Chosen

Season 2, Episode 7

Reckoning

This episode begins in Capernaum in AD 26, when Atticus tells Quintus where to find Jesus, and Quintus sends Gaius to arrest him. The disciples prepare for Jesus's upcoming big sermon. Gaius arrest Jesus who peacefully surrenders. Shmuel returns to Capernaum with Yanni and asks Yussif about Tamar. In Jotapata, searching for where Jesus has been taken, Andrew and Philip find Tamar telling of Jesus' miracles. Andrew tries to silence Tamar, and Yussif warns them of Shmuel's plans. Quintus questions Jesus about his actions. Seeing that he poses no threat, Quintus releases him with a stern warning. Madai and Lamech meet Shmuel and Yanni in Jotapata and discuss Jesus. Later that night, Jesus returns to his disciples. They ask him how to pray, and he teaches them a prayer.

Characters – Season 2, Episode 7

Jesus, the Disciples, Romans (Atticus, Quintus, Gaius),
Pharisees (Schmuel, Yanni, Yusif, Madai, Lamech), Tamar (Ethiopian woman)

Discussion Questions

1. When Jesus is arrested, the various disciples react differently – some with anger, some proposing violence, some taking a more measured approach. Which of the disciples do you believe you would have identified with at that time? Why is that?
2. When Jesus and Quintus spoke, were you surprised at the course and tone of the conversation? How do you believe Quintus feels about Jesus?
3. When Jesus was released, he told Gaius that Matthew was doing well. What did you make of Gaius response?
4. In earlier episodes, the Romans and the Jews paid little attention to Jesus' teaching and healing; but as time passed, they became more threatened and sought to stop his ministry. The Roman occupiers feared unrest among the people, and the Jews saw it as heresy and defiance of the laws of Moses. However, as the story progresses, can you see softening among some Romans (Gaius) and some Pharisees (Yussif)?
5. Late in the evening as the disciples worry and wait for word about Jesus' detention, Jesus arrives back at the camp. When the disciples express their concerns, Jesus tells them things will only get worse and they must learn how to continue in the good and the bad. He asks what they are going to do when he is no longer there in person. Have you ever had to handle a crisis? How did that go? Did you call upon God for help?

Scriptures and Texts

- King Herod's Song (So You Are The Christ) from Jesus Christ Superstar.
- Eph 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved" a reminder for all, especially Mary Magdalene
- John 12:23 This episode ends with Jesus saying to Matthew : "The time has come." In this case, to write down the sermon. The verse is "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."
- Matthew observes earlier that "The phrase, 'Son of Man,' gets a lot of people upset."

What Comes Next

Season 2, Episode 8

"Beyond Mountains"

We meet Judas Iscariot who will become a disciple in the future. Judas and an unscrupulous cohort arrive in the area and manage to con the local landowner to sell them a piece of the Promised Land. Final preparations for the Sermon on the Mount are done. Pharisees struggle with the Sanhedrin to have their reports about Jesus heard. Throngs arrive for the sermon and Jesus takes the stage.