



# The Chosen

Season 5, Episode 2

## House of Cards

*Pre-Intro Flash Forward: During part of the Last Supper in the Upper Room, Jesus warns the apostles that they will all stumble, scatter, and temporarily abandon him. He also instructs them to adapt for their upcoming missions by carrying money bags and swords. This episode centers on Jesus' cleansing of the Temple, the disciples' public preaching and outreach to Gentile converts, and High Priest Caiaphas navigating tightening political pressures.*

### Key Themes

Righteous Anger, Disillusionment, and Spiritual Purity.

### Discussion Questions

1. Jesus is angered by the merchants and money changers transforming the Court of the Gentiles into a noisy, transactional marketplace, and he drives them out. *Does your relationship with God sometimes drift into a "transactional" format (e.g., "If I do X for God, He owes me Y")? How can you re-prioritize pure, distraction-free worship in your life?*
2. Jesus notes that the disciples' mission is changing and now tells them to prepare for hostility. *When God shifts the season of your life from one of clear direction to one that requires a different kind of resilience, how do you handle that friction? Do you cling to the past, or lean into His new instructions?*
3. Ramah's father carries profound resentment toward Jesus and Thomas following her tragic death. *When God allows a deep tragedy, loss, or broken dream to occur in your life, do you tend to pull away from community and harden your heart in anger like Ramah's father, or do you find a way to stay anchored in faith even when you don't understand the "why"?*

### Scriptures and Texts

- **John 15:18-19:** Jesus warning the disciples that the world will hate them just as it hated Him.
- **Luke 22:35-38:** Jesus asking the disciples if they lacked anything when sent out two-by-two, and telling them to prepare and buy swords.
- **Matthew 26:31-35 / Luke 22:31-34:** Jesus predicting that the disciples will scatter, Peter's proud declaration of loyalty, and Jesus predicting Peter's three denials. [1]

### What Comes Next

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Theological Trap, Disciples' Anxiety,

Matthew's Intimate Conversation with Jesus, Escalating External Backlash