



The Chosen

Season 5, Episode 3

Woes

Pre-Intro Flash Forward: Jesus comforting his disciples, addressing Thomas's confusion, delivering the "I am the way, the truth, and the life" declaration, and promising the Holy Spirit. This episode captures the explosive climax of Jesus' public debates in the Jerusalem Temple courts where the Sanhedrin and Pharisees repeatedly try to publicly trap Jesus. Matthew has a pivotal, intimate conversation with Jesus. Kaphni works to turn the crowds against Jesus while Atticus and Caiaphas meet with Pontius Pilate.

Key Themes

Religious Hypocrisy vs. True Authority, Entrapment and the Law of Love

Discussion Questions

1. Matthew speaks with Jesus and admits he is struggling with confusion. *In your walk of faith, do you spend more energy demanding explanations and trying to "figure out" God's timeline, or actively pursuing intimacy with Jesus Himself? How can you practice surrendering your need for control when life doesn't make logical sense?*
2. Jesus calls out the scribes and Pharisees for lengthening their tassels to look holy while completely neglecting justice, mercy, and faithfulness. *What is the actual state of your heart? Are there areas in your life where you are going through the outward motions of faith while hiding internal bitterness, pride, or compromise?*
3. Sitting on the Mount of Olives, Jesus delivers a heavy prophecy to Peter, James, John, and Andrew about what is to come and urges them to remain steadfast. *When you look at the mounting chaos, division, or uncertainty in the world around you, how can you find supernatural peace and stay "on guard" spiritually when your surroundings are shaky?*

Scriptures and Texts

- **Matthew 24:3-14 / Mark 13:1-33:** The Olivet Discourse, where Jesus sits with His closest disciples on the Mount of Olives and prophesies the destruction of the Temple and the signs of the end times.
- **Matthew 21:23-27 / Mark 11:28-33:** The religious leaders in Jerusalem confronting Jesus and questioning His authority.
- **Psalms 5:** David's prayer for guidance and protection, heavily integrated through a musical and visionary sequence featuring King David.

What Comes Next

The Same Coin

**Judas's Dissension and Jesus' Intimate Conversations,
Women's Fellowship and Emotional Reflection,
Sanhedrin's Plotting and Yussif's Stand**