



The Chosen

Season 5, Episode 6

Reunions

Pre-Intro Flash Forward: Jesus formally institutes the first communion, breaking the unleavened bread and blessing the wine cup while saying, "I am the vine; you are the branches" explaining that a branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it remains attached to the vine. This episode accelerates the countdown toward Jesus's arrest, and Judas joins Caiaphas' plot. Nicodemus returns to the Sanhedrin unexpectedly. Kaphni gains leverage with Rome to act against Jesus.

Key Themes

The Convergence of Secret Alliances, The Tragic Evolution of Judas

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus knows that his arrest is looming and that the disciples are confused and anxious. He asks them to "abide" with him. *When you perceive that what God is doing is not what you expected and your fear and confusion rise, do you tend to detach from Him, or do you actively lean in?*
2. Nicodemus returns to Jerusalem having spent years struggling with whether Jesus is the Messiah and still cannot fully align himself with Christ. *Do you ever withhold your faith from part of your daily life? In those cases, what keeps you from being open about your faith in Jesus?*
3. In the Upper Room, Jesus reveals that one disciple at the table is unclean and will betray Him. The disciples respond with shock and sorrow, and each wonders if he is the betrayer. *When your own relationship with Jesus exposes dark feelings in your own heart, do you become defensive and withdraw or allow your faith community and the Holy Spirit to help you heal?*

Scriptures and Texts

- **Matthew 26:1-5 / Mark 14:1-2:** The Sanhedrin and chief priests actively plotting how they can arrest Jesus by stealth and kill Him.
- **Matthew 26:14-16 / Luke 22:3-6:** Judas Iscariot approaching the chief priests to bargain and betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.
- **Exodus 12:1-14:** The foundational Passover requirements, as the disciples prepare the Upper Room for the Seder meal.

What Comes Next

The Upper Room Part 1

Servant Leadership (The Foot Washing)

Flashbacks of Pain and Calling

Romans Close Ranks

Family Peril