

The CHOSEN

Episode 6 Guide

Length of episode: 50 minutes

Key Bible Verse

Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man.
"I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.
Luke 5:13

Meet the Characters



Salome – *Matthew 20:20-28, Mark 10:35-40, 15:40, 16:1*

The mother of James and John and the wife of Zebedee, Salome is named twice in Scripture but is highlighted several other times. In Matthew 20:20-28, she requests for her sons to have a special seat in Jesus' kingdom. She seems to be a devoted follower of Jesus, though, and is there at his crucifixion (Mark 15:40) and resurrection (Mark 16:1).

John the Baptizer – *Matthew 3, 11:1-19, 14:1-12, Luke 1:5-25, 57-80, John 1*
Miraculously conceived shortly before his cousin Jesus, he was the foretold forerunner of Jesus who called Jews to repent in preparation for Messiah. After a faithful ministry, he was imprisoned for his unpopular message and beheaded by Herod. Jesus tags him "greatest of those born of women."



The Leper – *Matthew 8:2-4, Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-16*

An outcast in his society (Leviticus 13:46), this particular leper receives compassion and healing from Jesus. Such gifts would have been shocking both to him and to any onlookers. He is only the first of many lepers and other social outcasts that Jesus healed (Luke 17:11-19).

Peter – *John 1:40-42, Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 16:13-28, Mark 14:66-72*
A fisherman known as Simon until Jesus renames him. He is brought to Jesus by his brother, Andrew, and follows Jesus after a miraculous catch of fish. He is well known for walking on water, slicing off a soldier's ear, denying Jesus before the cross, and writing 1 & 2 Peter.



Andrew – *John 1:40-42, 6:8-9*

One of the first to follow Jesus and known for bringing his brother to Jesus right away. Together with Peter along with fellow fishermen James and John, he leaves everything to follow Jesus after the miraculous catch. He also plays a key role in the feeding of the 5,000.

Wait – is that in the Bible?

Did Jesus grow up in Egypt and speak “Egyptian”?

Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt to avoid the massacre of boys under Herod (Matthew 2:13-15). They returned to Nazareth after the death of Herod (Matthew 2:19-23). They may have been in Egypt for several years, though there is no time in the gospels of Jesus speaking an Egyptian language.

Did people really lower a paralytic through a roof?

Yes! Both that story (Mark 2:1-12) and the cleansing of the leper (Mark 1:40-45) are biblical accounts!

Did Joseph die before Jesus began his ministry?

Yes, probably, because there is no mention of Joseph after Jesus begins his ministry. Joseph is last named in Luke 2:48.

Did Nicodemus ask Mary for a meeting with Jesus?

We know that Nicodemus “came to Jesus at night” (John 3:2) but we do not know how that meeting was arranged.

Was Jesus constantly teaching parables?

It is likely that Jesus told many of His stories more than once. The parables seem to be told more intentionally later in his ministry after He is further rejected (Matt 13:10-17).



Discussion Questions

1. What is one question you have about the Bible, Jesus, or other characters as a result of watching this episode?
2. What emotions did you feel as you watched the scenes with the leper?
3. Have you had any kind of experience where you have felt cleansed or healed by Jesus?
4. Can you relate at all to Matthew's spiritual journey at this point? How do you see Matthew processing what he is witnessing of Jesus?
5. If you were one of Jesus' disciples at this point, what questions would you want to ask Him?
6. Nicodemus says, "We are still students. All of us! Our understanding will never be complete." How can we nurture such a humble hunger to keep growing spiritually?
7. Read the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector in Luke 18:9-14. How can we see this parable in the characters so far? How can we apply this parable to our lives?
8. What else did you learn about Jesus from this episode? Are there any ways in which your impression or understanding of Jesus was sharpened, challenged, or changed?

For Further Study

Learn more about leprosy in this article:

answersingenesis.org/biology/disease/biblical-leprosy-shedding-light-on-the-disease-that-shuns