

# The CHOSEN

Episode 8 Guide

Length of episode: 51 minutes

## Key Bible Verse

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.  
I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.  
Luke 5:31-32

## Meet the Characters



### **Photina (the "Woman at the Well")** – *John 4:1-42*

Although unnamed in Scripture, she does encounter Jesus as depicted in "The Chosen" in John 4. Impressed by the fact that Jesus knows everything she ever did, she invites many other Samaritans to come and discover if Jesus might be the Messiah.

### **Nicodemus** – *John 3:1-21, 7:45-52, 19:38-42*

A Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, the supreme religious and political council in Jerusalem during New Testament times. His encounter with Jesus in John 3 is the occasion for the well-known verse John 3:16. He boldly helps to bury Jesus after the crucifixion.

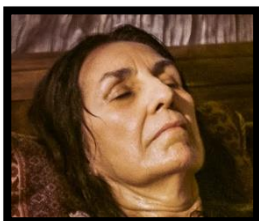


### **Matthew** – *Luke 5:27-32*

Also known as Levi, he was a despised tax collector when Jesus called him from his tax booth to follow Him as one of the 12. He "left everything and followed him" and invited many friends and co-workers to a dinner with Jesus. He also wrote the gospel of Matthew.

### **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.



### **Peter's mother-in-law** – *Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39*

She was healed by Jesus from her fever and immediately began to wait on Jesus. Mark and Luke both place her healing before the healing of the paralytic. And her healing is followed by Jesus doing many more miracles. This is the only time we see her in Scripture.

## Wait – is that in the Bible?

### **Did Jacob dig a well that Jesus came to centuries later?**

Evidently. The well in John 4 is called “Jacob’s well.” Though there is no record of Jacob digging a well, he did come to Shechem, which is called Sychar in John 4.

### **Was the Woman at Well (Photina) such an outcast?**

Yes, as Jesus reveals, she has had 5 husbands and was living with someone who was not her husband. She would have experienced tremendous shame.

### **Was Simon Peter the only married disciple?**

Yes, probably. And Jesus does heal his mother-in-law, who immediately gets up and waits on Him (Mark 1:29-31).

### **Did Matthew have a party for fellow tax collectors?**

Yes, and at this party Jesus was accused of dining with “sinners” as “The Chosen” shows. And Jesus said that He did not come for the righteous but for sinners. (Luke 5:27-32)

### **Did Jesus claim to be God as Shmuel (the Pharisee) said?**

Yes, when Jesus healed the paralytic and called Himself the Son of Man (Mark 2:10), He would have been understood to be applying a divine name from Daniel 7:13 to Himself.



## Discussion Questions

1. What is one question you have about the Bible, Jesus, or other characters as a result of watching this episode?
2. As you think back through all 8 episodes, what has impressed you most about Jesus?
3. As we finish Season One of The Chosen, which character can you most relate with? Why?
4. In your own words, explain what you think Jesus means when He says “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick” (Luke 5:31). Refer to Luke 5:27-32 for the context of this statement – Matthew’s dinner party.
5. In this first season of The Chosen, we have seen Jesus heal the sick, forgive sin, and remove shame. Share about how He has done one of these things for you.
6. Perhaps the hardest viewing moment of “The Chosen” so far is watching Nicodemus wrestle with his decision about following Jesus. Can you relate to him at all? How so?
7. In what ways did “The Chosen” increase your hunger for Scripture? Or for Jesus Himself?
8. In what ways has your impression or understanding of Jesus been sharpened, challenged, or changed as a result of viewing this first season of “The Chosen”?

## For Further Study

Learn more about the woman at the well:

[www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/samaritan-woman-savior](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/samaritan-woman-savior)