

The CHOSEN *Season 1*



Parish Resource Pack



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"I was one way,
and now I am
completely different,
and the thing
in between...
was Him."

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Getting Started

PRAYER

- Ensure you have a back-up in prayer for the team and participants before and as you run this series!

MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

- Series is available to stream free of charge on www.thechosen.tv or you can purchase DVD Box Set (see Bonus Content Page for more details)
 - A strong wifi connection to stream on zoom or play in an in-person setting (ensure that whoever is streaming the episode has strong, consistent wifi)
- Episode links (see next page for hyperlinks)
- Large Screen / white wall, and projector (or use TV if in your own home / with a small group!)
- Follow-up Handouts (for participants to take away / email the following day)
- Enough hosts & helpers for your share groups.
- Discussion questions in advance
- Music to play for prayer time (if using)
 - Having gentle background music playing as people come in (on Zoom or in person) can help create a welcoming atmosphere.
 - Click here for an example: [Spontaneous Worship | Two Hours of Worship Piano](#)
- Tea/Coffee facilities if in person.

FORMAT e.g 8.00pm - 9.15pm

- Team logs in / has briefing at 7.45 (prayer - outline of session ahead)
- Session starts at 8 with MC Welcome (Tech Host input if necessary)
- Watch Episode (turning Captions/subtitles on is helpful for those with hearing difficulties)
- Small groups (with questions)
- Gather together in main group for final song and prayer intentions
- Tea / Coffee (if in person)
- Team stays on for 10-15 debrief and pray together afterwards
- Alert people the week before if the episode will run a little longer the following week

ROLES / VOLUNTEERS

- MC
- Tech Host (if on Zoom see below)*
- Decide who will play video each week
- Hosts and Helpers
- Hospitality (Tea / Coffee) / Set-up / Clean-up
- *These roles can overlap.*
- *If on Zoom we recommend that the MC and Tech Host do not lead share groups also.*

*Tech Host Role:

- Schedule Meetings / send zoom links & follow up emails
- Admit participants from Waiting Room
- Provide Support for those having difficulty with muting etc
- Manage Break out rooms
- Play video (this can be done by someone else also)
- Mute people during Episode and Prayer time at end
- Keep an eye on Chat feature
- Post questions in chat for discussion in small groups before opening breakout rooms

GDPR

- Please ensure you comply with Parish / Diocese GDPR guidelines when sending emails / creating database of participants

SAFEGUARDING:

- If running "The Chosen" series with Under 18s, please liaise follow the Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures, available to download on www.waterfordlismore.ie/safeguarding-children
- Please refer to your own Diocesan Policy if operating outside the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore.

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Episode Links

THE CHOSEN – SERIES 1

1. I Have Called You By Name

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch?vid=S1:E1>

Episode Length: 52:16

2. Shabbat

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch?vid=S1:E2>

Intro then episode begins at 2:35 / Ends at 39:25

3. Jesus Loves The Little Children

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch?vid=S1:E3>

Episode Length: 28:33

4. The Rock On Which It Is Built

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch?vid=S1:E4>

Episode Length: 46:42

5. The Wedding Gift

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch?vid=S1:E5>

Intro then episode begins at 1:50 / Ends at 54:24

6. Indescribable Compassion

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch?vid=S1:E6>

Episode Length: 49:47

7. Invitations

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch?vid=S1:E7>

Episode Length: 35:12

8. I Am He

<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch?vid=S1:E8>

Intro then episode begins at 2:00 / Ends at 52:41 (then credits)

Chosen Series 1 Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-AjdKty74M&t=63s>

The Chosen "Trouble Trailer"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzwUnb5l0WI>

Here are the
hyperlinks for each
episode. It also tells
you when there's a
commercial at the
start and when to
plan for a longer
watch time.

Since The Chosen series has been made freely available to watch by the Creators, we do encourage you to show the introduction clips rather than skipping them, as a sign of respect for the work that this incredible production team and inspirational director are doing. (It's helpful to explain this before you show the clip.)

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Episode Guide

Episode	Additional Hints	Suggested Song
Ep 1. Called By Name	Begin with introductions. After - ask people what their expectations were. This episode is a little longer than the others. <i>People will possibly want to quit after this episode... ask them to wait until after Ep. 3 to decide!</i>	<i>Who You Say I Am</i> (Hillsong)
Ep. 2 Shabbat	Ask people to share how they felt after the last episode and how it was that they decided to return to watch the next one.	<i>You invite me in</i> (Meredith Andrews)
Ep. 3 Jesus Loves the Little Children	<i>This episode is a bit shorter.</i> After your discussion, you may want to introduce people to The Chosen App and explain why they would want to use it.	<i>Simplicity</i> (Rend Collective)
Ep. 4 The Rock On Which It Is Built		<i>Lord I Need You</i> (Matt Maher)
Ep. 5 The Wedding Gift	<i>This episode is a little longer than the others.</i>	<i>Empty my Hands</i> (Holy Family Mission)
Ep. 6 Indescribable Compassion		<i>Just One Touch</i> (Kim Walker Smith)
Ep. 7 Invitations	<i>This episode is a little shorter.</i> You can give more time for sharing & discussion. People may want to predict what will happen in the season finale next week.	<i>Graves into Gardens:</i> Elevation Worship
Ep. 8 I Am He	<i>This episode is a little longer than the others.</i>	<i>I will offer up my life</i> (Matt Redman)
Week 9 *Extra*	We recommend taking an additional week after the season is over to reflect on this experience. It's a time of deeper fellowship and gratitude to God.	<i>God who Stays</i> (Matthew West) <i>YouTube video uses imagery from the Series</i>

Other song suggestions on weekly handouts

MC Guide

- The role of the MC is to guide the flow of the session and be a welcoming familiar face for the group each week. The MC does not need to be a Biblical Scholar! A good MC is friendly, a good communicator, creates a positive, welcoming and calm atmosphere.
- The MC can also be responsible for playing the episode, or this can be done by the Tech Host otherwise.

TIPS

- Check in advance that you have everything you need for the session: episode length / questions / announcements etc
- Start and finish on time (mindful that some episodes are longer than others).
- Know approximately how long the episode will be: *Tip: You can set a (silent) timer on your phone for 5 minutes less than the episode length so you'll know when to turn on the kettle.*

SAMPLE "SCRIPT" FOR MC

- **Introduction:**

Welcome to everyone – small talk.... explain structure for the evening: watch episode / small groups / short time of prayer / tea/coffee and chat!

Introduce Episode (and press play!)

- **After Episode finishes:**

Comment briefly on Episode, then encourage people to go to their small groups. Tell them when to be back in the main session again.

- **After Share groups:**

Thank everyone for participating in our share groups. Introduce a short time of prayer. If you would like this to be a quiet time, you can play the suggested song for each episode and allow people to pray silently as they listen, or to vocalise their prayers, or even write them as intentions.

- **After music:**

Thank people for coming. Invite them to join for tea/coffee. Any announcements about week. Take a follow-up handout with them as they leave.

If on Zoom:

- **Introduction:**

Explain you will just wait a minute or two until everyone is logged in. Make small talk. Explain structure for the night: Watch episode / time of share groups / short time of prayer.

Introduce the episode: explain that people might like to turn off their camera while they watch if it helps with bandwidth. (Note: for U18s, the policy is to leave cameras on)

- **After Episode finishes:**

Tech Host posts questions in chat - explain to people they are now going to their breakout rooms / duration / back for brief prayer at the end in the main session

- **After breakout rooms:**

Explain: Play piece of music and encourage people to write their intentions in the chat feature, pray for each other.

- **After prayer:**

Thank everyone for coming - follow-up email being sent tomorrow - announcements

Share Groups

Aim:

- To allow people the time and space to process what they are watching

Leaders:

- Choosing the right hosts and helpers is key. They do not need to be biblical scholars. Rather, you are looking for people who are friendly, encouraging and can facilitate good discussion in a group, rather than dominating the conversation themselves.

Organising the group:

- Groups of approximately 8 work well. Smaller than this can put pressure on people to speak. Larger than this means people do not always have enough time to share. It works well to keep the same people in a group each week so they get to know each other better as the weeks go along, which lends itself to deeper sharing and reflection.

Duration:

- 15 - 20 mins per episode (*some episodes are longer, so the time in share groups may need to be shorter*)

What to discuss:

- Suggested questions for each episode. You may not get through all the questions, or you may end up discussing a different angle -that's okay! What is important is that people are engaging meaningfully with the videos. Hosts may find it helpful to use an icebreaker question at the beginning of the first few sessions, or just a check-in on how people's weeks have been.

Prayer:

- As the weeks go on, you might like to include a time to pray together at end of share group if the group dynamic lends itself to that. Maybe particular needs of the group come up in discussion - it would be lovely for the group to be able to pray for each other. Encourage each group to pray for each other throughout the week.

ROLES

Host:

- serves as the facilitator for the small group discussion time, introduces the icebreaker, the questions, draws people in and encourage them to answer, keeps an eye on time and draws the small group session to a close

Helper:

- supports the host and makes sure that participants feel welcome; assists in building relationships in the group; keeps an eye out for who is engaging and who is shy and needs some encouragement, prays (silently) for the participants in the group. (On Zoom: Can use the chat feature, not to distract from conversation or start a separate chat, but to type affirming comments etc.)
- NB: Both are responsible for creating a warm, friendly and welcoming environment
- Try to strike the balance between allowing enough silence for people to process questions and it just being plain awkward! Say a silent Hail Mary for your group while you're waiting!

Share Groups

KEY TIPS FOR A GOOD SMALL GROUP SESSION:

- Do a quick round of intros (when you have new people) – name and where they're from (don't spend too long on this).
- Encourage people to listen to each other and share, and ask that people respect confidentiality so that what anyone says is not repeated back to them in the supermarket next week
- Ask open-ended questions
- Be encouraging and affirming, be yourself!
- Don't be afraid of silence: some people need more time to process a question before they respond. If no one responds, you can rephrase the question or repeat it. All else fails, change the question.
- Don't answer every question. Your job is to facilitate discussion, not to teach. You can say something like, "that's a good question for everyone to think about, what does everyone else think?" Open things up to the whole group, try not to add new content yourself. Don't pretend you know the answers: you can always say, I don't know, but I'll find out and get back to you!
- If someone is talking a lot or very off topic, you might need to redirect them with something like, "Ok Ben, thanks for that. Let's hear what some other people think now..."
- If you don't get through all the questions, no problem. The whole point of the series is to help people reflect on where they are going in their own lives and journey of faith, and to see what we can learn from each of the sessions and apply it to our own lives or reflect on it in some way. We want to build fellowship as well as faith. Some prefer to listen more and that's ok too.
- Pray, pray, pray: for the series Team, for all the participants and especially for your small group.
- Disclosures: If you think someone is about to make some kind of disclosure, it's important to cut them off gently but firmly reminding the group that this isn't the place to make disclosures of a personal nature, but that the MC and host will be available to chat after the meeting if they would like to, or other contact details for who they can talk to are available on the waterfordlismore.ie website. You must bring this to the attention of the MC/Host after the meeting. If working with U18s, follow the Diocesan Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures.

FACILITATING A SMALL GROUP ON ZOOM

- Take a few moments to help participants understand the platform (if necessary), unmute / chat.
- Encourage all guests to be on video, not just audio.
- Encourage them to join in a quiet environment if possible.
- Ask everyone to unmute during discussion (unless in a noisy setting).
- Invite the guests to use Gallery view to see all the other participants.
- Encourage people to use the chat feature if they're a little shyer. The Helper can encourage this by posting comments / affirmations there too.

Terminology

HEBREW / JEWISH / ROMAN TERMS

ABBA:	Hebrew for Father / Dad / Daddy
ADONAI:	Hebrew word for Lord. God revealed Himself as YHWH to Moses; however the Jews hold this name as so sacred that they never pronounce the word, but substitute the word Adonai instead
CENTURION:	an officer commanding a Roman century (army)
EEMA:	Hebrew for Mother / Mom / Mammy!
SHEMA:	The Jewish confession of faith made up of Deuteronomy 6:4–9 and 11:13–21 and Numbers 15:37–41; The word Shema itself translate as "listen", but the implication is that to listen is to obey - a sign of the Covenant
PRAETOR:	The title granted by the government of Ancient Rome to a man acting in one of two official capacities: (i) the commander of an army, and (ii) as an elected magistratus (magistrate), assigned to discharge various duties
PRIMI ORDINES:	The "ranks of the first [cohort]" were the five centurions of the first cohort, and included the primus pilus. They, excluding the primus pilus, were paid 30 times the base wage. This rank is senior to all other centurions, save the primus pilus and pilus prior. (From Wikipedia)
RABBI:	A Jewish religious leader, usually one who is in charge of a synagogue, one who is qualified to teach Judaism, or one who is an expert on Jewish law.
SANHEDRIN:	The ancient Jewish court system was called the Sanhedrin. The word "Sanhedrin" is a combination of two Greek words meaning, "seated together." They were a ruling body of seventy-one members with the High Priest as the chief officer.
SCRIBES AND PHARISEES:	In the 1st century, scribes and Pharisees were two largely distinct groups, though presumably some scribes were Pharisees. Scribes had knowledge of the law and could draft legal documents (contracts for marriage, divorce, loans, inheritance, mortgages, the sale of land, and the like). Every village had at least one scribe. Pharisees were members of a party that believed in resurrection and in following legal traditions that were ascribed not to the Bible but to "the traditions of the fathers." (www.britannica.com)
SHABBAT:	Shabbat is often translated in English as 'Sabbath.' Sabbath - the holy day of the Jews, celebrated on Saturday
SHALOM:	A common greeting that Jews say during Sabbath is "Shabbat Shalom," which means, "Sabbath Peace," more or less. Kind of like wishing your friend a happy Sabbath. Except that the word "shalom" refers to more than peace. It's a kind of Godly wholeness, completeness, contentment...a rightness of being. Like everything is well and nothing is missing or wrong.

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Episode 1: I Have Called You by Name

SUMMARY:

We meet Mary Magdalene (also known as "Lilith") who struggles with demons. Other characters include Nicodemus (a Pharisee) who attempts to perform an exorcism on Mary/Lilith. We are also introduced to Matthew the tax collector. The problem of unpaid taxes has big consequences for the fishermen brothers Simon and Andrew.



Image: www.press.thechosen.tv

REFLECT ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- Who did you meet in this episode?
- Which character can you relate to the most? Who do you struggle to identify with?
- What struck you the most from this week's episode?
- Were you surprised or challenged by anything?

MEDITATE:

Scripture Passage(s) for this week: Isaiah 43: 1-3 | Luke 8:2 | Mark 16:9

Note any words or phrases that stand out to you.

ACT:

What is it you think the Lord is calling you to do this week?

Suggested Playlist for the Week:

Click title to watch on YouTube

- "Who You Say I Am": Hillsong
- Be Still My Soul (Kari Jobe)
- Jesus, what a Saviour (Housefires)
- You are Mine (David Haas)
- The Father's Song (I am Yours)
- Fr Mike Schmitz: Healing from the Wound of Sin

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Episode 2: Shabbat

Summary:

*In this episode we see Jesus perform a miracle that the holy leaders cannot understand. We also get a little more background on the difficulties of being Jewish and living under Roman rule. We watch different characters prepare for and celebrate Shabbat.**

* Note: Shabbat is often translated in English as 'Sabbath.'



Reflect on any of the following questions:

- What struck you the most from this week's episode?
- What surprised or challenged you?
- What role does "meal" play in this episode? What role do meals have in your life?
- What aspect of Jesus was highlighted by this episode / encounter?

Meditate:

Scripture Passage(s) for this week: Genesis 2:3 | Exodus 20:7-10 | Proverbs 31:10-31

Note any words or phrases that stand out to you.

Act:

What is it you think the Lord is calling you to do this week?

Suggested Playlist for the Week:

Click title to watch on YouTube

- You invite me in (Meredith Andrews)
- Waymaker (Leeland)
- The Blessing (Kari Jobe)
- Blessed be Your Name (Matt Redman)
- So Will I (100 Billion X) - Hillsong
- BibleProject: *Sabbath*
- Fr Mike Schmitz: *Why do Jews and Christians have different Sabbath Days?*

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Episode 3: Jesus loves the little children

Summary:

Jesus meets a group of children, introducing them to his carpentry skills, prayer, and sense of humour.



Reflect on any of the following questions:

- What aspect of this Gospel story took on a new meaning for you?
- What aspect of Jesus was highlighted by this episode / encounter?
- Have you ever imagined the backstory of scripture in this way? How does it feel?
- What was your relationship like with Jesus when you were a child?

Meditate:

Scripture Passage(s) for this week: Luke 18: 15-17 | Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Note any words or phrases that stand out to you.

Act:

What is it you think the Lord is calling you to do this week?

Suggested Playlist for the Week:

Click title to watch on YouTube

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| • Simplicity (Rend Collective) | • Love the Lord your God (Lincoln Brewster) |
| • Children of God (Phil Wickham) | • Shema: BibleProject |
| • Child of God (Kathryn Sarah Scott) | • Jackie Francois: How to be true children of God |

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Episode 4: The Rock on which it is built

Summary:

Jesus preaches to a crowd on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. A miraculous catch of fish leads some to follow Jesus and puzzles others. Nicodemus learns about John the Baptist preaching a bold message in the wilderness.



Reflect on any of the following questions:

- What struck you the most from this week's episode?
- What aspect of this Gospel story took on a new meaning for you?
- Were you surprised or challenged by anything?
- Peter has to "let go and let God" and it isn't easy for him. Have you ever had a "come to Jesus" moment into your life? How did it feel? What were the results?

Meditate:

Scripture Passage(s) for this week: Matthew 4:18-22 & Luke 5:1-11 | Luke 4:38-41

Note any words or phrases that stand out to you.

Act:

What is it you think the Lord is calling you to do this week?

Suggested Playlist for the Week:

Click title to watch on YouTube

- Lord I Need You (Matt Maher)
- Blessed be your name (Matt Redman)
- Fishers of Men (Newsboys)
- Nothing I hold onto (Will Reagan & Utd Pursuit)
- Today I Choose (Brian Doerksen)
- Fr Mike Schmitz: What's my Vocation?

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Episode 5: The Wedding Gift

Summary:

Jesus performs his first public miracle during a wedding in the village of Cana where he turns water into wine. We meet more apostles and future apostles.



Reflect on any of the following questions:

- What struck you the most from this week's episode? Any surprises? Challenges?
- What aspect of this Gospel story took on a new meaning for you?
- How would you have reacted to these events if you were a guest at this wedding?
- We're past the half-way point in Season 1. What has this journey meant to you?

Meditate:

Scripture Passage(s) for this week: John 2: 1-11

Note any words or phrases that stand out to you.

Act:

What is it you think the Lord is calling you to do this week?

Suggested Playlist for the Week:

- Empty my Hands - Holy Family Mission
- Our God - Chris Tomlin
- Miracles - Jesus Culture
- Waymaker - Leeland

Click title to watch on YouTube

- Miracle - Sara Groves
- What Faith Can Do - Kutless
- God of Miracles - Chris McClarney
- The Second Luminous Mystery: The Wedding Feast at Cana (Fr Daniel O'Reilly)

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Episode 6: Indescribable Compassion

Summary:

After the wedding in Cana, Jesus' ministry turns more public.

We see reactions from his followers and from those he heals.

The Pharisees and Romans take note of these new activities as well.



Reflect on any of the following questions:

- What struck you the most from this week's episode?
- Were you surprised or challenged by anything?
- Where did you find yourself in this episode? In the crowd? On the roof? Elsewhere in the city? How do you imagine yourself reacting to Jesus' miracles?
- What aspect of Jesus's ministry was highlighted by this episode?

Meditate:

Scripture Passage(s) for this week: Matthew 8:1–4 | Mark 2:1-12

Note any words or phrases that stand out to you.

Act:

What is it you think the Lord is calling you to do this week?

Suggested Playlist for the Week:

Click title to watch on YouTube

- Just One Touch (Kim Walker Smith)
- Name of Jesus (Chris Tomlin)
- Heal our Land (Kari Jobe)
- Heal me O Lord (Don Moen)
- Healer of my soul (John Michael Talbot)
- A Prayer to Jesus for Healing

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Episode 7: Invitations

Summary:

Jesus offers a number of invitations in this episode with varying responses. His circle of followers increases, even to the confusion of others.



Reflect on any of the following questions:

- What struck you the most from this week's episode? Any surprises? Challenges?
- What might you imagine your response would be if Jesus called you? When and where has he called you already?
- We've journeyed with both Nicodemus and Matthew for 7 episodes now. What have you learned from them? How do you feel towards them at the end of this episode?
- Jesus tells Peter, "Get used to different." How do you receive this message?

Meditate:

Scripture Passage(s) for this week: Numbers 21:4-9 | Matthew 9: 9-13

See also: Mark 2 | Luke 5 | John 5

Note any words or phrases that stand out to you.

Act:

What is it you think the Lord is calling you to do this week?

Suggested Playlist for the Week:

Click title to watch on YouTube

- Graves into Gardens: Elevation Worship
- Into Faith I go: Pat Barrett
- You Invite Me In: Meredith Andrews
- Here's my Heart: Casting Crowns
- The Invitation: Hillsong
- Bible Project: The Book of Numbers

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Episode 8: I am He

Summary:

Jesus visits Simon's house. He also feels pressure from both Jewish leaders and Roman authorities. Lastly, Jesus and his followers make an important visit to Jacob's well in Samaria.



Reflect on any of the following questions:

- What struck you the most from this week's episode? Surprises? Challenges?
- What aspect of this Gospel story took on a new meaning for you?
- What aspect of Jesus was highlighted by this episode / encounter?
- How might you have reacted if you met Jesus at the well? How might you have reacted if you were the disciples having returned to the well to witness Jesus' encounter?

Meditate:

Scripture Passage(s) for this week: John 4:1-42

Note any words or phrases that stand out to you.

Act:

What is it you think the Lord is calling you to do this week?

Suggested Playlist for the Week:

Click title to watch on YouTube

- I will offer up my life (Matt Redman)
- Heart of Worship (Matt Redman)
- Surrender (Marc James)
- Living Water (Gateway Worship)
- I will Follow (Chris Tomlin)
- Bible Project: Overview: Genesis 12-50

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The Chosen: Reflections

Suggestions for reflecting on this experience and preparing for our final week of discussion.

In the Beginning...

Why did you join this programme? What had you heard about *The Chosen* before coming? What were your expectations that first week? The second week?

What were your thoughts/feelings after the first episode? After the third episode (Jesus with the children)? How did your enjoyment/ engagement with the characters deepen over time?

Characters...

- Mary Magdalen
- Simon
- Andrew
- James & John (sons of Zebedee)
- Nicodemus
- Matthew
- Shmuel (synagogue leader)
- Gaius (Centurion/Matthew's guard)
- Quintus (Roman Praetor)
- Zohara (Nicodemus' wife)
- Eden (Simon's wife)
- Mary, the Mother of Jesus
- Those Jesus healed
- Jesus

- Which character do you identify with the most? Why?
- Which character intrigues you, draws you, captivates you? Why?
- Who surprised you the most? Made you laugh or cry the most?
- Who's missing from our list that left an impression on you?

Scripture...

Has your relationship with the Bible/Scripture changed in any way since watching this series? If so, how?

We know this will be a multi-season show. What scripture passage (that we haven't seen) are you most hoping will make an appearance in future episodes? Why?

You're invited...

As you look back on your experience these past eight weeks, we invite you to bring in a poem, piece or artwork (original or otherwise) ... or anything else that helps you articulate what this journey has meant to you. This is an invitation not an obligation!

CHARACTER COMPARISON

Throughout the first few episodes of Season 1, we see the same themes through the eyes and experience of four main characters. Pick one to write about:

FAMILY | FORGIVENESS | DOUBT/FAITH | CALL

THEME:



Matthew



Mary Magdalen



Simon



Nicodemus

Images from: <https://www.press.thechosen.tv/>

Lectio Divina / Divine Readings



Based on Fr Josh Johnson:
What is Lectio Divina?
(Ascension Presents)



PICK A PASSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE



LECTIO = READING

What does the scripture passage say in and of itself, that everyone should understand?



MEDITATIO = MEDITATION

Find something, a line or a word, that sticks out to you and begin it meditate on it. What does the text say to me, today, and to my life? What is it speaking into my heart?



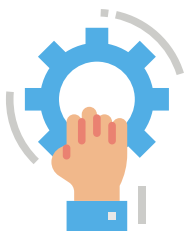
ORATIO = PRAYER

We speak to God about what we read and meditated on. We can intercede for others. We can pray in thanksgiving. We can ask for forgiveness. We can ask God for His grace (help) to live out what we feel called to do.



CONTEMPLATIO = CONTEMPLATION

What conversion of the mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me? This step is a gift from God - we can't make it happen! We spend time looking at him and letting Him look at us. If He leads you into deep prayer, go with it. If not, just chill with the Lord.



ACTIO = ACTION

What concrete action can I do based on my time of reading, meditating, praying and maybe contemplating with the Lord.

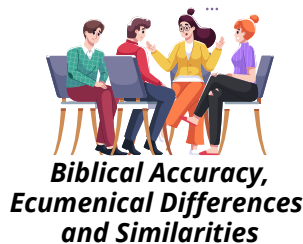
Bonus Content

CHECK OUT THE BONUS CONTENT AVAILABLE ON THE CHOSEN WEBSITE:

- The Woman at the Well: Why is this encounter so significant?
- A Beautiful Chosen Moment: One Teen's Special Moment with the Chosen Series
- The Story Behind the Chosen: How this series came to be made
- New "Trouble" Trailer: Reviewing Season 1 with a particular slant!
- Season One Official Trailer

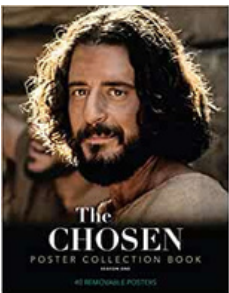
DIVE DEEPER: BIBLICAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

- Season 1 Episode 1
- Season 1 Episode 2
- Season 1 Episode 3
- Season 1 Episode 4



- Season 1 Episode 5
- Season 1 Episode 6
- Season 1 Episode 7
- Season 1 Episode 8

WORTH A LOOK!



The Chosen Poster Collection Book: Season One

40 full-colour removable posters
taken directly from the first season

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What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?, Volume 1: An Interactive Bible Study

By Amanda Jenkins, Dallas Jenkins, Douglas Huffman

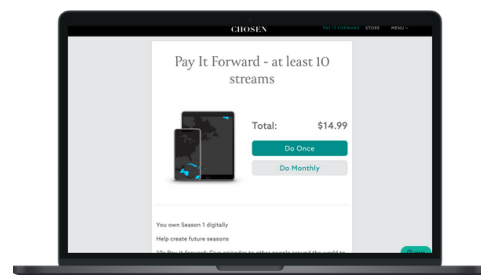
The official companion study to season 1 of The Chosen

Available from [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) or [bookdepository.com](https://www.bookdepository.com)



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