

The CHOSEN

Viewing Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

EPISODE 5: *The Wedding Gift*



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Scriptural References

- 1 Kings 19:19-21
- Proverbs 30:1-6
- Isaiah 40:1-5
- Luke 2:41-52
- John 2:1-12

Characters

Jesus, Mary the mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, Nicodemus, Simon, Thomas

The Big Question:

What is your one BIG question from this episode? (What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?)

Watching Notes

- Which characters stood out to you most? Which were most interesting? Most moving?

Quotes from the show

John the Baptist (to Nicodemus): *“He is here to awaken the earth, but some will not want to waken. They are in love with the dark. I wonder which one you’ll be.”*

Thomas: *“From the instructions you have provided I see no logical solution to the problem.”*

Jesus: *“It’s going to be like that sometimes, Thomas.”*

Things to Note

It’s important to remember that “The Chosen” is a film adaptation of the Gospels. It is not meant to replace the reading of God’s Word, and there are many inconsistencies (most of them minor) with how it presents the biblical stories. The point of watching is not to learn what “actually happened”. The point of watching is to enjoy, to make the stories come alive, and to spark in your heart a desire to dig into the Scriptures. But of course the Bible is always our final authority about what really happened!.

Discussion and Learning

What did you notice about Thomas' personality which might have been the writer's attempt at giving hints of who he was to become in the Gospels?

At one point Simon says, "Master, I was thinking ..." and proceeds to give Jesus advice. From what you know of him in Scripture, can you picture Simon doing that in real life? When have you done that in your life? What can you learn for yourself here – how can you grow?

What did you like about the backstories presented here? Is there anything you'd change, given what you've seen so far?

How did Jesus appear to you? Like you thought? Different?

What will you take home with you and ponder further?