

The Chosen

Season 1: Episode 1, Part 2 (26 minutes)

“Fear not...I have called you by name.”

- 1) Read the following Scripture passage aloud: Luke 8:1-4
Each student needs their own Bible to read and reflect on the Scripture passage.
- 2) Allow the students to re-read the same passage again, this time silently.
Reading the passage two times allows us to be clear on all the details so that we become more familiar with what is happening.
- 3) What “stood out” for you in the passage? Allow the students a minute to think about this. Ask 2 or 3 students to share their response aloud.
- 4) Watch Episode 1, Part 2
A brief overview:
Nicodemus tries to free Mary (Lilith) of the seven demons
Jesus heals Mary Magdalene
- 5) What “stood out” for you in the Episode? If needed, the list from the brief overview above could be named for students to help think about what was most impactful for them.
- 6) Go back and re-read the Scripture passage again.
After the process of reading the Scripture passage, writing down what “stood out” for you, and watching the Episode, what now stands out the most for you?
- 7) Further discussion questions:
 - Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Matthew, Andrew and Peter are prominent characters in the first episode. Explain some of the characteristics about them that might make them feel unworthy of being chosen by God.
 - Why was Nicodemus so unsettled and questioning his faith after he saw Mary Magdalene, referred to as Lilith, who was possessed by seven demons?

- What did Nicodemus mean when he said to his wife, “What if we’re not seeing the whole picture?”

8) Close the session in a prayer by reading Titus 3: 4-7

“But when the kindness and generous love of God our Savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of His mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Whom He richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.”

“The Chosen is based on true stories of the Gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialogue have been added. However, all Biblical and historical context and any artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the Scriptures. Viewers are encouraged to read the Gospels.” (The producers of *The Chosen*.)