

The Chosen

Season 2: Episode 1, Part 1 (30 minutes)

Jesus said, “It is not the will of My Father that one of these little ones should perish.”

Note: Each student is to have their own Bible to read and reflect on the Scripture passage.

- 1) Read the following Scripture passage aloud: The Parable of the Lost Sheep, Matthew 18:12-14
- 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 Season 2, Episode 1, Part 1
Brief Overview:
 - The Apostles and Mary Magdeline are recounting their first encounter with Jesus.
 - John is writing the intro to his Gospel and he and Mary quote Jesus when He said, “My words will never pass away.” (Matthew 24:35)
 - Thomas and Ramah, along with her father Kafni, are seeking to meet up with Jesus.
 - Mary welcomes Thomas, Ramah and Kafni and says Jesus is changing many hearts.
 - Jesus teaches the people and asks a sheep herder if he lost one sheep what he would do. He would put it on his shoulders and carry it home and then ask friends to rejoice with him. Jesus said, “There is more joy in Heaven when one sinner repents.” (Luke 15:7)
 - The poor man sees his field has been plowed.
 - Kafni thanks Jesus for the miracle of changing water into wine and saving his wine business. Jesus said “I ask a lot of those who believe in Me.”

5) What “stood out” for you in the Episode? If needed, some of 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) Discussion questions:

Why was John asking the Apostles and Mary Magdalene about the first time that they met Jesus? Have you met Jesus? If so, how?

What was James and John’s attitude in being asked by Jesus to plow the field?

How does the Parable of the Lost Sheep relate to us? Why is it important?

8) Close the session in prayer: What would you like to say to Jesus?

We can see that the writers and producers of *The Chosen* based each episode upon one or more Scripture passages, and then wove in a number of plausible details (possible or imaginable details) to capture our attention visually through a compelling story. The purpose is to stir in us a desire to read the Holy Bible – God’s Words of truth and love to each one of us.