

# The Chosen

## Season 1, Episode 4: **The Rock on Which It Is Built**

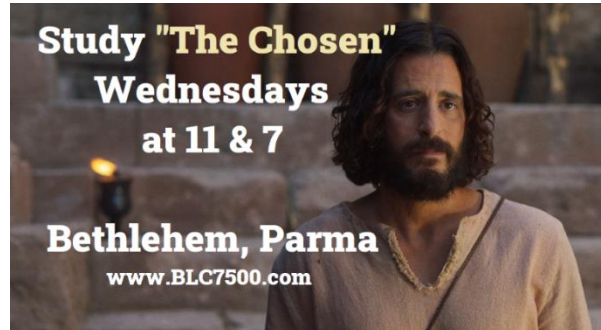
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### Notes:

- See the footnote for the study resources.<sup>1</sup>
- See the episode 1 handout for some important background information on some of the main characters.

### Video Summary:

1. At the Sea of Galilee, Simon misleads the Romans to save fellow Jews from being caught.
2. Quintus suspects Simon of dishonesty / deception and sends Matthew to follow him.
3. Shmuel (Shaan Sharma) tells Nicodemus of a baptizer on the Jordan River.
4. Simon confesses to Eden they are under threat from Rome.
5. Running from the Jordan, Andrew claims to Simon they are saved, as John the Baptizer (David Amito) has identified the Lamb of God.
6. Simon prepares to fish. Andrew, Zebedee, Big James, and John arrive to help, but they catch nothing.
7. In the morning, they see someone teaching a crowd on the shore.
8. Andrew recognizes the teacher as Jesus, who asks to preach from their boat.
9. After the sermon, Jesus tells Simon and Andrew to cast their nets.
10. Suddenly, many fish appear, and they catch enough to pay off their debts.
11. Simon kneels before Jesus to surrender himself.
12. Inviting Simon and Andrew to become fishers-of-men, Jesus also calls Big James and John.
13. Witnessing the miracle, Matthew is shocked by its impossibility.
14. Nicodemus visits the imprisoned baptizer to ask about miracles.



**Watch the Video:** Season 1, Episode 4: **The Rock on Which It Is Built** (49 Minutes)

### Quotes, Questions, and Thoughts:

- Repentance:
  - **Initial repentance** – when God turns us from trusting in self or false gods for eternal life to Jesus alone for eternal life.
  - **Ongoing repentance** – as the Holy Spirit teaches us God’s will and moves us to follow it more and more in our Christian lives.

<sup>1</sup> Sources: The Holy Bible; Book: What Does It Mean to Be Chosen? Jenkins & Huffman; this website: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Chosen\\_\(TV\\_series\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Chosen_(TV_series))

- “We want to be in control. Incidentally, so does God...” (70).
  - “...our biggest problem is our sin and that we choose it over God” (74).
  - What area of your life is *the most difficult* to give over to God’s control? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fear: The **unrepentant** should be terrified (Heb. 10:31), but **all repentant ones** should ✦highly respect the LORD, ✦be thankful for His love and salvation, and ✦seek to know and follow His will for their lives. [NAU Isaiah 8:12-13](#) “...you are not to fear [another nation] or be in dread of it. It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear, And He shall be your dread.”
  - “...belonging to God isn’t about taking His help, provision, and protection *whenever we feel like it*. It’s about repenting – *leaving our current life of sin* – and returning to our Creator and one true King [in every aspect of our lives] ...” (74).
  - “When we repent and return to Him, our lives change, and we become the people He intended for us to be...” (74). How has your life changed? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Repenting “means believing that His way is better than ours” (75). Do you? Y N
  - Let us RIGHTLY understand: [NAU Matt. 16:18](#) “I also say to you that you are Peter [petros], and upon this rock [petra] I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”
  - Following Jesus means surrendering to Him: [NAU Luke 5:1-11](#) Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; <sup>2</sup> and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and *began* teaching the people from the boat.
 

<sup>4</sup> When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say *and* let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets *began* to break; <sup>7</sup> so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw *that*, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" <sup>9</sup> For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also *were* James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to land, **they left everything and followed Him.**
  - “...it’s simply not possible to retain control and follow at the same time—and following Jesus is required to be in relationship with Him” (76).
  - What area of your life do you need to leave behind to follow Jesus more fully?
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### Next Class, Episode 5: **The Wedding Gift**

- Next Wednesday, May 25
- 11 am and 7 pm
- Gather at 10:30 and 6:30 for fellowship
- If you desire, bring a snack to share