

The Chosen

Season 1, Episode 5: **The Wedding Gift**

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Notes:

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

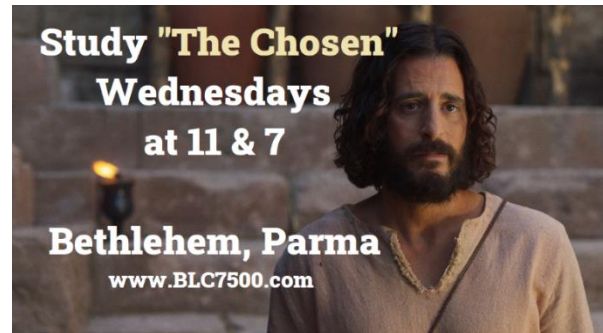
John 2:1-11 – Water to Wine: I preached on that text in January 2022 (www.BLC7500.com); these are some insights:

1. Mary was a relative or close friend of the bride or groom, *so she was helping with the wedding*; Jesus was an honored guest; and His disciples were invited because they knew Jesus.
2. When Jesus began His ministry, the relationship between Him and His mother changed.
3. Regarding the wine problem, Jesus said, “Woman, what does that have to do with us?” Jesus was indicating that the problem was **not OURS but MINE!**
4. Jesus was a guest, *not in charge*, so Mary gave the order to the helpers – *and they did it!*
5. How much wine? 25 glasses per gallon; 120 to 180 gallons; so, 3,000 to 4,500 glasses!

Watch the Video: Season 1, Episode 5: **The Wedding Gift** (55 Minutes)

Video Summary:

1. In Cana, AD 26, Mary helps her friend prepare for her son's wedding.
2. Nicodemus interrogates the detained John the Baptizer concerning signs and wonders.
3. Simon tells Eden that he will quit fishing to follow Jesus.
4. Thomas (Joey Vahedi) and his business partner Ramah (Yasmine Al-Bustami) prepare wine for the wedding.
5. Jesus and his students make their way to the wedding, while John the Baptizer explains his ministry and Jesus' ministry to Nicodemus.
6. During the wedding, Thaddeus and Little James share how Jesus called them.
7. Thomas and Ramah worry as the wine runs low. [“In Jesus’ day, wine was a staple at most meals and a must at every celebration. [Since] “the wine had run out—a humiliation of epic proportions for the groom’s family who was hosting. Jesus’ mother took it upon herself to find Jesus...” (86).
8. Mary immediately asks her son to intervene on behalf of the bridegroom's family and tells the servants to do everything Jesus says.
9. Jesus instructs them to fill jars with water and they obey, yet Thomas expresses doubts.



¹ 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))

10. Jesus prays his readiness to his Father, turning the water into wine.
11. When the wine is served, the master of the banquet exclaims it is the best he has ever tasted.
12. Thomas and Ramah accept the invitation to join and meet Jesus in Samaria in 12 days.

Quotes and Questions:

1. Think about YOUR life, what things do you spend the most time and energy pursuing?

2. God said to Moses: “...come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?” And He said, “Certainly I will be with you...” (Exod. 3:10-12 NAU).
 - a. God’s request was HUGE: “The pharaohs of Egypt were not only kings, they were considered to be gods on earth. To stand in front of one and demand anything would’ve been a death sentence” (84).
 - b. What has God asked of you? _____
How did you respond? _____
3. “worship” means to bow down, to show respect.
 - a. The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. *What does this mean?* We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.
 - b. Long ago people worshiped gods of wood or stone: What or who do people worship today, instead of the true God? _____
 - c. What or who are YOUR other gods? _____
4. Jesus Is the One True King:
 - a. Jesus said..., “before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58).
 - b. When we believe what Jesus said and trust in Him for heaven, what responsibility comes with that knowledge and trust? _____
5. As Nicodemus searched for the truth, he also remained resistant to the truth. What are some factors that cause people to resist? _____
6. How does knowing Jesus experienced both positive and negative reactions impact your willingness to be a witness for Him? _____
7. As we live for Jesus, let us follow these words of John the Baptizer: “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30).

Next Class, Episode 6: Indescribable Compassion

- Next Wednesday, June 1
- 11 am and 7 pm
- Gather at 10:30 and 6:30 for fellowship
- If you desire, bring a snack to share