

The Chosen

Season 1, Episode 8: I Am He

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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.

Video Summary and Bible Passages:

1. In Canaan, **1952 BC**, Jacob (Amato D'Apolito) and his sons dig a well in Shechem [which may be the same as Sychar noted below].
2. In Sychar, **AD 26**, Photina (Vanessa De Silvio), a suffering Samaritan woman, fetches water from Jacob's Well.
3. At Matthew's house in Capernaum, Jesus answers questions from the Pharisees, including Yussif, with the words of Hosea:
NAU **Matthew 9:10-12** Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?" But when Jesus heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick."
4. Shmuel petitions Nicodemus concerning false prophecy.
5. Jesus goes to Simon's house and heals his mother-in-law: NAU **Matthew 8:14-15** When Jesus came into Peter's home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and waited on Him.
6. Learning Matthew left; Quintus issues a decree against religious gatherings outside synagogues.
7. As Jesus and his students complete their preparations to depart Capernaum, Nicodemus leaves money for them.
8. Gaius bequeaths Matthew's wealth to Matthew's father, Alphaeus (Troy Caylak).
9. On the road, Jesus decides to go through Samaria, much to the shock of the disciples, especially Big James (Kian Kavousi) and John: NAU **John 4:5** So [Jesus] came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph;⁶ and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour [Noon].
10. When they arrive in Sychar, the disciples go to town to buy food while Jesus stays at Jacob's Well, where he meets Photina, asking her for water: ⁷ There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ... ⁹ Therefore the Samaritan woman said to



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))

Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

11. Jesus offers her “living water”: ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” ¹¹ She said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?” ... ¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw.” ¹⁶ [Jesus] said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.” ¹⁹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.”

Jesus explains true worship: ²⁰ “Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Jesus announces that he is the Messiah: ²⁵ The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.” ...

12. After hearing Jesus telling her everything she did, Photina believes Jesus is the Christ and tells everyone about him. ²⁸ So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?” ³⁰ They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.... ³⁹ From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I *have* done.”

13. The disciples return and Jesus publicly launches his ministry.

Watch the Video: Season 1, Episode 8: **I Am He** (59 Minutes)

Noteworthy Quotes: from the book, *The Chosen, An Interactive Bible Study*:

- “Guys like Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and David were able to do impossible things because God worked through them, making the impossible possible” (122).
- For those called by Jesus: “If they wanted to go with Jesus, they had to leave their old way of doing things behind. They had to relinquish control and trust Him to fill in the gaps” (123).
- “Jesus doesn’t ask us to make our own way. He asks us to allow Him to **lead** and **equip** and **provide**” (126).
- Read the *last paragraph on page 126*...
- “What tangible things might God be calling you to **say** or **do** in order to **put your faith into action**?” (129): _____

That concludes Season 1; watch for Season 2 this fall! Thanks for attending!