

The Chosen, Season Two

Wednesdays at 6:30

Episode 5: Spirit

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Note: Some parts of The Chosen are in the Bible, but other parts are not. This sheet contains a summary of each part of **episode 5** from wikipedia as well as my own comments. *Blessings on reading, watching, and understanding!*

1. Seeing a Roman, Mary Magdalene is troubled while memorizing the Scriptures. // Not in the Bible. It's possible that Jewish women were mistreated by Romans soldiers at that time, which may be why they included the scene.
2. Shmuel and Yanni interrogate Jesse [*the paralyzed man who had been healed near the pool of Bethesda*] concerning Jesus and to update the petition to the [Sanhedrin](#). // Not in the Bible.
 - a. We can imagine that various rabbis were concerned about the teachings and miracles of Jesus. Even though Jesus never broke any law of God, He did break some of the manmade laws that had been added to the laws of God. Let us keep a sharp distinction between the two.
 - b. Jesus said to some Pharisees and scribes: ^{NAS} [Mark 7:7-8](#) "But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men. Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men."
3. Atticus Aemilius questions Jesse and pursues Simon Z. and Jesus. // Not in the Bible. Atticus seems to go along with Jesse, gaining his trust for the purpose of gaining information. We can imagine such things happening back then and today.
4. Searching for Jesus, Simon Z. encounters a demon-possessed man named Caleb. // Not in the Bible, but helps us understand the reality of demon possession then and today.
5. John the Baptizer visits the group and tells Jesus his dangerous mission of going to Jerusalem to call out [Herod Antipas](#)'s sin for marrying [Herodias](#).
 - a. Their conversation is not in the Bible, but they mention things from the Bible.
 - b. Zechariah was John's father, he said of John: ^{NAS} [Luke 1:76-79](#) "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on before the Lord to prepare His ways; ⁷⁷ To give to His people *the* knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise from on high shall visit us, ⁷⁹ To shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."
 - c. Mary's song: ^{NAS} [Luke 1:46-55](#) ... "My soul exalts the Lord, ⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. ⁴⁸ For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondservant; For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed. ⁴⁹ For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name. ⁵⁰ And His mercy is upon generation after generation Toward those who fear Him. ⁵¹ He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered *those who were* proud in the thoughts of their heart. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones, And has exalted those who were humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things; And sent away the rich empty-

handed. ⁵⁴ He has given help to Israel His servant, In remembrance of His mercy, ⁵⁵ As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his offspring forever.”

- d. This is what happened to John the Baptizer: ^{NAS} **Matthew 14:3-12** ...when Herod had John arrested, he bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. ⁴ For John had been saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” ⁵ And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they regarded him as a prophet. ⁶ But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before *them* and pleased Herod. ⁷ Thereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. ⁸ And having been prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.” ⁹ And although he was grieved, the king commanded *it* to be given because of his oaths, and because of his dinner guests. ¹⁰ And he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹ And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl; and she brought *it* to her mother. ¹² And his disciples came and took away the body and buried it; and they went and reported to Jesus.
6. When Simon Z. finds the disciples' camp, the demon-possessed Caleb attempts to attack the group. Jesus returns to the camp and heals Caleb, casting out the demon [Belial](#). Simon Z. surrenders himself to Jesus. // Not in the Bible, but thought-provoking. The Bible records demons possessing people and harming them, and Jesus rebuking them: ^{NAS} **Matthew 17:14-18** And when they came to the multitude, a man came up to Him, falling on his knees before Him, and saying, ¹⁵ “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic, and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire, and often into the water. ¹⁶ And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said, “O unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.” ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once.
7. John the Baptizer submits to Jesus and departs to accomplish his mission. // Not in the Bible.
8. Devastated by the encounter earlier on the exorcism, Mary Magdalene flees to a local tavern. Learning Mary Magdalene has gone, Jesus instructs Simon and Matthew to look for her. // Not in the Bible. We have no indication that Mary M ever left Jesus to go the way of the world.

The Remaining Schedule for Season Two:

NO CLASS on Wednesday, May 17

Join us for the Ascension of Our Lord on **Thursday, May 18**: food at 6:00, service at 7:00

The Season Two Conclusion:

- Wednesday, May 24 – Episode 6
- Wednesday, May 31 – Episode 7
- **Thursday, June 1** (back-to-back) – Episode 8

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