

# The CHOSEN

## Episode 5 Guide

Length of episode: 52 minutes

### Key Bible Verse

"Do not be afraid, you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace, you will not be humiliated... For your Maker is your husband – the Lord Almighty is his name – the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer. He is called the God of all the earth." -Isaiah 54:4-5

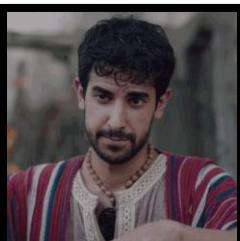
### Meet the Characters



**Mary, mother of Jesus** – Luke 1:26-56; 2; 8:19-21; John 2:1-12; 19:25-27

She was a humble teenager when God chose her to give birth to Jesus, who was conceived in her by the Holy Spirit. She raises Jesus together with Joseph (who probably died before Jesus began his ministry), who married her in faith. She weeps at the crucifixion and, along with at least some of her other children, is part of the early church as well (Acts 1:14).

**John the Baptizer** – Matthew 3, 11:1-19, 14:1-12, Luke 1:5-25, 57-80, John 1  
Miraculously conceived shortly before his cousin Jesus, he was the foretold forerunner of Jesus who called Jews to repent in preparation for Messiah. After a faithful ministry, he was imprisoned for his unpopular message and beheaded by Herod. Jesus tags him "greatest of those born of women."



**Thomas** – John 11:16; 14:5-6; 20:24-29.

Best known for doubting Jesus through his words, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands... I will not believe" (John 20:25), Thomas is one of the twelve and is the last of them to see Jesus after the resurrection. He then proclaims, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28).

**Peter** – John 1:40-42, Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 16:13-28, Mark 14:66-72

A fisherman known as Simon until Jesus renames him. He is brought to Jesus by his brother, Andrew, and follows Jesus after a miraculous catch of fish. He is well known for walking on water, slicing off a soldier's ear, denying Jesus before the cross, and writing 1 & 2 Peter.



**Andrew** – John 1:40-42, 6:8-9

One of the first to follow Jesus and known for bringing his brother to Jesus right away. Together with Peter along with fellow fishermen James and John, he leaves everything to follow Jesus after the miraculous catch. He also plays a key role in the feeding of the 5,000.



## Wait – is that in the Bible?

### **Did Jesus teach in the temple as a boy?**

Yes – Luke 2:41-52 tells of how Jesus stayed in Jerusalem without his parents knowing and returned to find him teaching in the temple courts. It is the only account we have in Scripture from Jesus' childhood. Jesus was not sinning in this act but was obeying his Father.

### **Did Jesus get invited to the wedding?**

Yes (John 2:2). There is good chance the family was friends with Jesus' family, as the show imagines.

### **Did Thomas serve at the wedding?**

We have no record of Thomas serving at the wedding or being called to follow Jesus there. The show's portrayal of Thomas as a "measurer" and "doubter" is consistent with the character we see in the gospels who has become known as "doubting Thomas" (John 11:16; 14:5-6; 20:24-29).

### **Did Jesus make the wine at the request of Mary?**

Yes – see John 2:1-12 for this account. Jesus responds to the request of Mary at the wedding to help with the problem of the wine running out. His turning of the water into wine was "the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him" (2:11).

Where Jesus focused His ministry



## Discussion Questions

1. What is one question you have about the Bible, Jesus, or other characters as a result of watching this episode?
2. In this episode, we see people waiting for Jesus to go public with his ministry. Do you ever feel like you are waiting on God to do something for you? Explain.
3. We continue to see the humanity of Jesus on display. How did it feel to see Jesus playing with children at the wedding and dancing with the other wedding guests?
4. Why do you think Jesus chose to attend a wedding (a week-long celebration) on the third day of his ministry? Doesn't it seem, as suggested in the show, rather unproductive?
5. Nicodemus is growing more and more curious about Jesus. Can you relate to his curiosity at all in your spiritual journey? Explain.
6. As the disciples experience Jesus, they exhibit such joy and excitement. Share about a time when you remember feeling especially enthusiastic about Jesus.
7. What else did you learn about Jesus from this episode? Are there any ways in which your impression or understanding of Jesus was sharpened, challenged, or changed?

## For Further Study

Read this commentary on John 2:1-11

<https://bible.org/seriespage/5-first-sign-jesus-turns-water-wine-john-21-11>