

# The Chosen Season 5 Episode 1

Entry

main Passage: John 12:23-28

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## Group Discussion Questions

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1. How can Christians find peace and joy in Jesus during troubled times? What does Jesus overcoming the world have to do with how Christians respond to sorrow? (John 16:31-33)
2. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem the crowds were excited to welcome Him because they'd heard about His miracles. What do you think they were hoping He would "fix?" What did they, and all people, really need Jesus to fix?
3. When Jesus began speaking about His death, how do you think the disciples felt after having given up their lives and reputations for the last 3 years? How do you think you would have felt? (John 12:23-28)
4. In the episode, Jesus sees the coming fall of Jerusalem that happened in 70 AD. Why do you think He was so heartbroken? Why do you think God let this happen?
5. Jesus wept because the people of Jerusalem did not recognize it when God visited them (Luke 19:44). What do you think were some of the things that caused the people to not recognize or not believe that God was visiting Jerusalem through Jesus Christ?

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## Personal Next Steps

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- **Self-Check**

- Are you letting the truth that Jesus overcame the world bring you joy today? If not, what is robbing you of your peace and joy? What could change this?
- The people of Jerusalem missed God's presence when Jesus visited. Is there something causing you to miss God's presence in your day to day life?

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## Continuing the Conversation

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Who do you know who could use the good news that Jesus has conquered the brokenness of this world?

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## Pray

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Ask God to help you notice His presence more throughout your days.

# The Chosen Season 5 Episode 2

House of Cards main Passage: Luke 22: 31-38

## Group Discussion Questions

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1. At the Last Supper the disciples became very disillusioned as Jesus explained how things would go over the next few days. What do you think discouraged the disciples the most that night? What do you think disillusion Christians today? (Luke 22:31-38)
2. Jesus told Simon Peter that he would deny Him and abandon the Cause. What do you think Jesus' motive was when He told Peter that he would return to Jesus? Can modern day Christians have the confidence to be used by God after they've stumbled in their faith? Why or why not? (Luke 22:32)
3. Did you like how the producers depicted Jesus clearing the Temple? What do you think caused Jesus to be so angered with what was going on in the Temple Courts? (Mark 11:15-17)
4. In the episode, Judas is shown as being devastated by Jesus' destructive actions in the Temple. Why do you think Judas was so upset? Why do you think Jesus would do this knowing many of His followers would see Him as a mad man and leave Him?

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## Personal Next Steps

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- **Self-Check**

- Have you ever experienced God's acceptance after you've really rebelled against Him? Do you believe He would still use you in others' lives like He did with Simon Peter? Are you letting Him use you now?
- Jesus was heartbroken that the Temple was no longer a place of worship. Is there anything getting in the way of your true worship of God?

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## Continuing the Conversation

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Who could you encourage with an invitation to sit with you at a worship service?

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## Pray

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Thank God for His Son's sacrifice that paid for all your sins and the promise of eternal life.

# The Chosen Season 5 Episode 3

Woes

Main Passage: John 14:1-29

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## Group Discussion Questions

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1. What excites you most about Jesus' promise to come get His believers and take them to the place He's been preparing for them? What do you imagine our heavenly home will be like? (John 14:1-4)
2. What does Jesus mean when He said that He is the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life** and that no one can come to the Father except through Him? Jesus told Philip that if you've seen Jesus, you've seen the Father. What was Jesus helping the disciples understand? (John 14:5-14)
3. Jesus encouraged the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit. What is the focus of the Holy Spirit's presence in believers' lives? What did Jesus mean when He said, "He (the Holy Spirit) lives **with** you now and later will be **in** you?" Why will the Holy Spirit never leave a believer? (John 14:15-18; Ephesians 1:13-14 NIV)
4. When Jesus confronted the Jewish religious leaders in the Temple, He told the crowds to practice what they taught but not to follow their example. Why did Jesus tell the crowds this? What were the practices that Jesus didn't want them to follow? (Matthew 23:1-15)
5. Why is Jesus so heartbroken over Jerusalem's brokenness? What do we see in Jesus' sorrow that could apply to Christians today? (Matthew 23:37-39)

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## Personal Next Steps

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- **Self-Check**

- In what ways is Jesus the **way** in your life? In what ways is Jesus the **truth** in your life? In what ways is Jesus your **life**?
- The Holy Spirit living in Christians brings comfort, wisdom, and guidance. When was the last time you felt Him leading you? If it's been a while, how could you be more sensitive to His influence in your life?

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## Continuing the Conversation

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Who do you know that would be encouraged by understanding that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life? How would you start a conversation with them?

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## Pray

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Thank God that His Holy Spirit living in you is the guarantee of your eternal life in heaven.

# The Chosen Season 5 Episode 4

## The Same Coin      Main Passage: John 13:31-35

### Group Discussion Questions

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1. Jesus told His disciples to love people the way He loved them. What does that look like in real life? In the episode, Jesus said loving others the way He loved would transform our lives. Do you think we are missing something because we are not loving the way Jesus did? (John 13:34-35)
  2. Do you think Judas was trying to force Jesus to use His power to become King of Israel when he betrayed Him? If not, what do you think Judas' motive was? (John 13:24-30)
  3. In the episode, many of Jesus' followers were trying to prevent His death while others were trying to get Him killed. Which group do you think you would have been a part of?
  4. Jesus cursed a fig tree that wasn't bearing fruit even though it looked great and full. How can Christians prevent looking great on the outside but in reality aren't bearing any fruit? (Matthew 21:18-19)
  5. In the episode, Jesus' followers take turns thanking Him for the things He had done in each of their lives. Share with the group some of the times you are thankful for when God touched your life.
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### Personal Next Steps

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- **Self-Check**
    - In the episode, John admits to Jesus how people often do what they want from their own perspectives. Whose perspective are you making decisions in your life from - God's or your own?
    - If you were to write your own "it would have been enough" about Jesus, what would you write?
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### Continuing the Conversation

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Jesus' disciples many times did not understand what He was doing but they trusted Him anyway. Who could you encourage to trust Jesus even if they don't understand everything?

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### Pray

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Thank Jesus for being such a perfect example of how to love others.

# The Chosen Season 5 Episode 5

Because of me      Main Passage; Luke 22: 24-30

## Group Discussion Questions

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1. Jesus reprimanded His disciples for arguing about which of them was greatest. He was teaching them that leading is about serving not about position. Which do you think the world values, serving or position? How could this teaching about serving impact all the different areas of a Christian's life today? (Luke 22:24-30)
  2. Jesus taught His followers they must have faith when they ask God for something. Besides faith, what other factors influence whether prayers are answered or not? (Mark 11:22-25)
  3. This episode gave an intriguing look at what the detailed scheming may have been like in the plot to kill Jesus. Were you surprised by the animosity of the religious leaders toward Jesus? What stood out to you the most in those heated discussions? (John 11:45-50)
  4. Several groups were taking matters into their own hands in this episode. Pilate's wife tried to convince them to leave Jerusalem. Atticus attempted to quell the anti-Jesus movement. The religious leaders developed a plot that violated their own Jewish Laws and Roman Law. Why is it so easy for people to force things rather than trust in God and His timing?
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## Personal Next Steps

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- **Self-Check**
    - No Christian likes to think they will deny or betray Jesus, but so often we struggle to remain faithful in certain circumstances. How is your faith doing right now? Are circumstances pulling you away or are you staying close to Christ?
    - How is your faith in God's plan for your life going? Are you trusting His way and His timing or are you trying to force a certain outcome?
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## Continuing the Conversation

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If you are part of a community, who could you invite in that would enjoy the connection and encouragement?

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## Pray

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Ask God to help you see any areas in your life where you might be forcing things that are not His way.

# The Chosen Season 5 Episode 6

Reunions      Main Passage: John 15:1-11

## Group Discussion Questions

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1. Since their childhood, Jesus' disciples had practiced the Passover celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt. Jesus completely changed the meaning of this tradition by saying it was to celebrate His sacrifice for humanity. What do you think was going through the minds of the disciples when they heard all of this new information? Do you think they understood all of its meaning or do you think that came later? (Mark 14:22-24)
  2. In Jesus' teaching about the vine, what does Jesus represent and what do His followers represent? What did Jesus teach about the purpose of pruning? When the Father is pruning a Christian, does that mean He is displeased with them? Do all Christians go through seasons of pruning? Is this an enjoyable process? (John 15:1-5)
  3. What does it mean to abide or remain in Jesus? What are some of the practices of a believer who is remaining in Jesus? Why is it so vital for a Christian to stay connected to the Vine? If a Christian is staying connected to Christ, does that mean they will be continuously producing fruit or are there seasons when fruit is not being produced? (John 15:7-10)
  4. In the episode, so many people groups were misunderstanding Jesus. Do you think a person has to understand everything about Jesus before they can accept Him as Savior?
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## Personal Next Steps

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### • Self-Check

- Jesus' teaching about staying connected to Him like a branch is attached to a vine, was intended to bring His followers joy. Are you experiencing joy in your day to day life or is there a disconnect robbing you from what He has for you?
  - Is your life helping convince others that Jesus is the Messiah?
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## Continuing the Conversation

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Who could you have a faith conversation with that might eventually become "lasting fruit?"

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## Pray

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Thank your heavenly Father for loving you as much as He loves His Son Jesus.

# The Chosen Season 5 Episode 7

Main Passage  
John 13:1-17

## The Upper Room Part 1

### Group Discussion Questions

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1. In the episode, Jesus washed Judas' feet knowing that he was about to betray Him. As Judas watched Jesus, what do you think was going through his mind? What do we see in Jesus as He humbly washed even His betrayer's feet?
  2. Why do you think Peter reacted the way he did to the idea of Jesus washing his feet? How do you think you would have responded? (John 13:6-11)
  3. What lesson was Jesus teaching His disciples by washing their feet? What do you think was the significant part of the footwashing, the ceremony, the tradition, or something else? Today, how could we model the lesson that Jesus was teaching His disciples? (John 13:4-17)
  4. In the episode, the disciples are remembering their lives before Jesus and when they met Jesus. How was your life before Jesus? How has your life changed since following Jesus?
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### Personal Next Steps

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- **Self-Check**
    - In the episode, Jesus wanted to hear Little James' story. Have you ever shared your story with Jesus in prayer or journaling, or during a quiet time? What would you say to Him? How would you begin telling Him your story?
    - What are you most thankful for since following Jesus as your Savior?
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### Continuing the Conversation

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Who could you share your story with that might want to know more about faith in Christ?

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### Pray

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Ask God to help you remember the things that first inspired you to believe in Jesus and follow His ways for your life.

# The Chosen Season 5 Episode 8

## The Upper Room Part II

Main Passage  
Matthew 26:36-46

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### Group Discussion Questions

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1. Jesus was greatly distressed in the Garden of Gethsemane. What do you think was causing Jesus so much agony? (Matthew 26:36-38)
2. Jesus pleaded with His Father to let the "cup of suffering" be taken away. Why do you think God the Father did not spare His Son but had Him fulfill the plan to sacrifice Himself? (Matthew 26:39-42)
3. Why do you think Jesus told the three disciples to "keep watch and pray" so they wouldn't give in to temptation? What do you think He was warning them about? How can Christians today heed that warning? (Matthew 26:40-41)
4. What did Jesus mean by "the spirit is willing but the body is weak?" Do you think that principle still applies to Christians in modern times? (Matthew 26:41)

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### Personal Next Steps

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- **Self-Check**
  - Jesus kept His trusted friends close to Him while He was going through His darkest hour in the Garden of Gethsemane. Do you have a close friend or two that you can reach out to in dark times?
  - How do you practice Jesus' instruction to "watch and pray?" Are there any practices you could add to your routine to strengthen your spiritual alertness?

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### Continuing the Conversation

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Is there someone you know that does not know the suffering Jesus went through for them?

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### Pray

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Pray like Jesus and ask that your heavenly Father's will be done in your life.