

The Chosen

Season 1, Episode 2: **Shabbat**

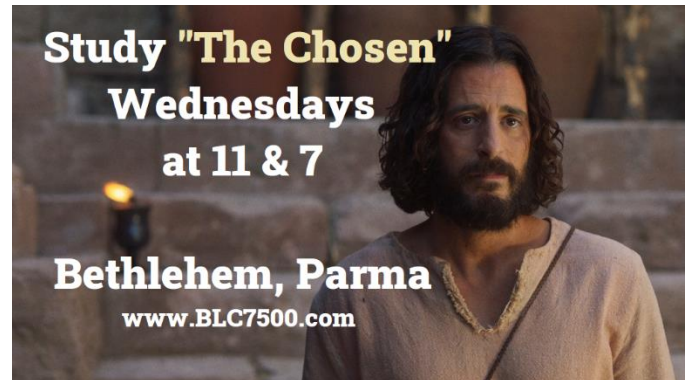
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Notes:

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

Shabbat:

1. Shabbat is the Hebrew translation of the word, Sabbath, which means to *cease from work*.
2. The Third Commandment: ^{NAU} **Exodus 20:8-11** "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore, the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy."
3. ^{NAU} **Hebrews 4:8-10** "...if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His."
4. ^{NAU} **Colossians 2:16-17** "...no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day-- things which are a *mere* shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ."
5. ^{NAU} **Matthew 11:28** "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."



Video Summary:

1. A recently healed Mary Magdalene prepares for Shabbat. Mary had been possessed by seven demons (**Luke 8:1-3**), *but Jesus healed her in episode 1*.
2. Matthew, a Jew who served Rome as a tax-collector, validates Simon's claims of negotiating with Quintus, a Roman in charge of receiving the taxes.
3. Simon, who would later be known as Peter and who is the brother of Andrew, continues to spy on [fishing] merchants, who were fishing on Shabbat, that is, on the Sabbath, which began on Friday at sundown, and buys drinks for them and his fellow fishermen, Big **James** (Shayan Sobhian) and **John** (George Harrison Xanthis), sons of Zebedee (Nick Shakoour).
 - a. See **Matthew 17:24-27**, from the episode 1 study sheet, to learn about Peter's trouble in paying his taxes.
 - b. James and John:

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))

- i. They were brothers, as well as fishing partners with Simon and Andrew ([Luke 5:10](#)).
 - ii. Jesus called them, Sons of Thunder ([Mark 3:17](#)).
 - iii. Their mother asked Jesus to permit her sons to sit at His right and at His left in His kingdom ([Matthew 20:20-21](#)).
- 4. Nicodemus investigates the reported miracle of the healing in the Red Quarter. In episode 1, he was unable to drive the demons from Mary, he later said that doing so was impossible.
- 5. Simon is forced to fish on Shabbat, leaving his wife Eden (Lara Silva) behind. Shabbat, Saturday, was a day of rest for Jews, yet Peter, *desperate to make money to pay his taxes*, violated the Sabbath requirement of rest.
- 6. As Mary Magdalene hosts her Shabbat dinner, she receives surprise guests, including Jesus and his students Thaddeus (Giavani Cairo) and Little James (Jordan Walker Ross).
 - a. Note that two of the twelve apostles are named James: ^{NAU} [Matthew 10:2-4](#) *Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.*
 - b. In *The Chosen*, *Big James is the son of Zebedee, while Little James is the son of Alphaeus.*
- 7. Nicodemus, *a leader among the Pharisees*, leads a Shabbat dinner with the other Pharisees.
- 8. Matthew, *who is despised by most Jews*, eats dinner with his dog after deciding not to have dinner with his family.
- 9. Leaving the dinner with Andrew and Eden (the wife of Simon), Simon is approached by the Romans at the Sea of Galilee to spy on the merchants again. Remember, the tax debts of Simon and Andrew are being waived by the Romans *because of their willingness to spy on the other fishermen.*

Watch the Video: Season 1, Episode 2: **Shabbat** (39 Minutes)

Noteworthy Quotes:

- "...relief and rest don't necessarily come from circumstances being removed. Rather, they come from God's presence, no matter the circumstance" (48).
- "Jesus doesn't instruct weary, burdened people to sleep more, caffeinate more, or take a vacation. Instead, He invites us to come to Him, and when we do, He provides us with rest" (51).
- "The Sabbath was not designed as a means for getting God's attention or as a way to earn His approval" (53).
- "...by worshipping together on Sunday, Christians celebrate Easter every week" (54).

Next Class, Episode 3: Jesus Loves the Little Children

- Next Wednesday, May 11
- **This class is ONLY at 7 pm** (all other weeks at both 11 am and 7 pm)
- Gather at 6:30 for fellowship
- If you desire, bring a snack to share