

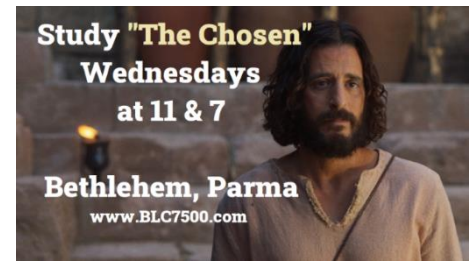
# The Chosen

## Season 1, Episode 7: **Invitations**

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### Notes:

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



### Video Summary:

1. In the Sinai Peninsula, **13th century BC**, Moses (Stelio Savante) fashions a bronze serpent, much to the confusion of his assistant Joshua (Advait Ghuge).
  - a. Just prior to this, the LORD had given the Israelites a great victory over the Canaanites: <sup>NAU</sup> **Numbers 21:4-6** Then [the Israelites] set out from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the people became impatient because of the journey. The people spoke against God and Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this miserable food.” The LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.
    - i. The LORD is in control: <sup>NAU</sup> **Lamentations 3:37-38** Who is there who speaks and it comes to pass, Unless the Lord has commanded *it*? *Is it* not from the mouth of the Most High That both good and ill go forth?
    - ii. God wants us to remember that He is at work for our good: <sup>NAU</sup> **Romans 8:28** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.
    - iii. Our proper response: <sup>NAU</sup> **1 Thessalonians 5:18** ...in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
  - b. <sup>NAU</sup> **Numbers 21:7-9** So the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and you; intercede with the LORD, that He may remove the serpents from us.” And Moses interceded for the people. Then the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery *serpent*, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live.” And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.
    - i. To look at the serpent is to *believe the LORD's promise* and *trust in Him for healing*.
    - ii. What do Christians do today? They believe what Jesus said and trust in Him for spiritual, eternal healing.
2. In Capernaum, 26 AD, Gaius escorts Matthew to show his gratitude for his promotion.
3. Quintus questions Nicodemus concerning the miracle worker.

<sup>1</sup> 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))

4. Jesus agrees to meet with Nicodemus by night.
5. After witnessing the miracles Jesus did, Matthew struggles to reconcile his mathematical understanding of reality and visits his mother, hoping to find answers.
6. Meeting with Nicodemus by night, Jesus explains the Kingdom of God and being born again. <sup>NAU</sup> **John 3:1-8** Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”
7. Jesus illustrates himself as the Son of Man using Moses and the bronze serpent as an example. <sup>NAU</sup> **John 3:14-15** “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.”
8. He tells of God’s love for the world and his mission to save mankind from sin. <sup>NAU</sup> **John 3:16-7** “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”
9. As Jesus invites Nicodemus to join him, John records their conversation.
10. Nicodemus worships Jesus, declaring him the Son of God.
11. In the morning, Jesus and his students pass by Matthew’s booth.
12. Jesus invites Matthew to join him, and Matthew promptly follows. <sup>NAU</sup> **Matthew 9:9** As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector's booth; and He said to him, “Follow Me!” And he got up and followed Him.

**Watch the Video:** Season 1, Episode 7: **Invitations** (38 Minutes)

#### **Noteworthy Quotes:**

- Following Jesus: “it’s true, there is a lot you would give up. But what you would gain is far greater and more lasting” (112).
- Nicodemus: “...for the time being, he decided to keep doing life on his own terms and in his own strength” (112).
- Matthew: “Instead of continuing to rely on money, power, and position for security, Matthew turned to Jesus” (112).
- See this quote: From the bottom of page 114 to the top of page 115.

#### **Next Class, Episode 8: I Am He**

- Next Wednesday, June 15 – *The final episode of season 1*
- 11 am and 7 pm
- Gather at 10:30 and 6:30 for fellowship
- If you desire, bring a snack to share