



JESUS

Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God. Prophesied Messiah. He is just beginning His ministry and is in the process of choosing His disciples.



JOHN

Cousin to Jesus and a preacher in the wilderness. John the Baptist was known for wearing camel hair and eating locust. His message, "The Kingdom of Heaven has come near, prepare the way for the Lord"



MATTHEW

Previously a tax collector. Looked down on by some in the group. Acts as a scribe recording Jesus words and deeds. Eventual author of the Gospel of Matthew.



MARY OF MAGDALENE

Previously possessed by seven demons. Was healed and redeemed by Jesus. Is a fervent follower of Jesus. Was previously known as Lilit.



Simon the Zealot

Is seeking after Jesus after witnessing his brother walking. Has left the Zealots and is wanted for abandoning his mission.



RAMAH

Follower of Jesus, she never learned to read and didn't learn Torah as a child. She is being taught by Mary Magdalene and trying to catch up to the rest of the group.

Group Guide

For listening, discussion & reflection

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The CHOSEN

The Story of Jesus: For Us

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Episode 7

Scriptural References

- Psalm 139 - quoted by Mary Magdalene
- Luke 3:1-20 - record of John's ministry
- Luke 4:31-37 - Jesus drives out a demon
- Luke 6:7, 11 - Jesus heals a man's hand
- Matthew 13:34-35 - parable prophecy

Story Background

Jesus has just attended the festival of tabernacles and healed the invalid at the pool of Bethesda. The Pharisee's are outraged at this healing on the Sabbath and the instruction from Jesus to 'Pick up your mat'.

While the Pharisee's question Jesse, Jesus meets with Simon the Zealot and speaks with John the Baptist in the wilderness.

Discussion Questions

- What quote from this episode was most meaningful or impactful for you?
- Mary Magdalene is struggling in this episode. Do you feel like your past ever impacts your present walk with Jesus?
- Jesse and the Pharisees witnessed a miracle in last weeks episode. How would you deal with that happening to you?
- There is an emphasis on Scripture reading and memorization. How are you doing with this?
- This episode features impure spirits and demons. What do you believe about demons today?
- Why should we not fear demons?
- John the Baptist is impatient with Jesus. How do we also show impatience with Jesus' timing?
- Why is Schmuell so set on stopping Jesus? Do you ever see people with a similar goal today?