



# The CHOSEN

Season 5. Episode One. Discussion Guide

For Churches

## For the Leader

Dive deeper into Season 5 of *The Chosen* with your group! We've created these episode guides to help you lead meaningful discussions following each episode of *The Chosen*.

As you watch, discuss, and pray together, we hope these questions help your group unpack what they've seen and dig deeper into the Bible.

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## Season 5 Episode One - Discussion Guide

Jesus makes His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The Last Supper discourse opens in the upper room.

### Introduction

#### **Before we begin Season 5 . . .**

We want to recall that Season 4 ended with Jesus and the disciples starting their descent from the Mount of Olives. Each episode in Season 5 begins in the Upper Room. Episode 1 shows Jesus and the disciples gathered around the table, celebrating Passover, then brings us back to the descent into Jerusalem. The Chosen presents many of Jesus' words as recorded in John 13-17.

It should also be noted that the events of the narrative, as they are represented in this Season 5, are not linear. There is a lot of jumping around. This whole Season 5 is very full of all kinds of interactions between Jesus and the disciples, interactions with each other, and with the Jewish leadership. After watching the episode, you are encouraged to reexamine the Scriptures: **Matthew 20:26-52, Mark 13:14:51, Luke 19:28-22:53, John 12:12-18:11.**

Characters involved are Jesus, the disciples, Youseph, Pharisees, Joanna, Caiaphas, Pilate, Atticus, Zebedee, and unknown "scribe" in the crowd who is taking notes (will be identified towards the end of the season).

### Discuss

1. The opening scene is towards the end of the Last Supper. Jesus shares many words from John's Gospel, especially from John 16. His words are intended to encourage the disciples about what is to come in the next week and beyond, yet they do not entirely understand.

How often do you struggle to comprehend where God is working in your own life?

What do you do when life seems to contradict Jesus' promise to always be with you?

2. The disciples are excited as they witness the crowds cheering Jesus on. The religious leaders are apprehensive about the trouble that Jesus will bring. Read John 12:41-43. Discuss times in your life when you kept your faith private, for fear of what others would say or do.

## Discuss

3. Is there an area of your life where you could grow in your faith, but are hesitant for fear of others' thoughts, words, actions, or even doubt that you could live with that much faith? Areas to discuss might be increased financial giving, evangelism to strangers, witnessing to friends and family members, and attending a small group for intentional discipleship.
4. Throughout these episodes, we know that Jesus is aware of what was to come in the next week. The disciples struggled to understand, often debating the meaning of Jesus' words about what would happen next. Discuss times in your own life when you struggled to understand what God was doing.
5. Read John 12:20-26. Discuss what it might mean to examine your own life in light of Jesus' words, "If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also."

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are the King and Savior. As we reflect on how your life on earth during your last week as God and man transpired, help us face the gravity of our sin and help us rejoice that you love us anyway. We are eternally grateful. Amen.



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