



# The CHOSEN

Season 5. Episode Six. 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.

## Main Characters

**Jesus and the Disciples** – Jesus and his disciples share the Last Supper as Jesus gives them his final teachings.

**Nicodemus** – He is a famous rabbi and teacher in Israel who thinks Jesus might be the Messiah. He has been away from Jerusalem for a while.

**Shmuel** – A former student of Nicodemus, Shmuel is a member of the Sanhedrin who is convinced Jesus is a false prophet.

**Zebediah** – A scribe who works for Nicodemus to keep him up to date on current events.

**Mattias** – A young man whom Nicodemus sends to spy on Jesus and the Disciples.

**Zahara** – Nicodemus' wife.

**Mary** – A follower of Jesus who is seeking the help of Nicodemus to save Jesus' life.

**Malchus** – The servant of the high priest, Caiaphas.

**Caiaphas** – He is the high priest and official leader of the Sanhedrin.

**Judas** – The disciple of Jesus who betrays Jesus to the Pharisees.

**Kofni** – A Jewish man who blames Jesus for the death of his daughter by a Roman official.

**Atticus** – He is a member of the Roman police with authority over Roman soldiers and is very concerned about a possible riot among the people over Jesus.

**Pilate** – The Roman ruler overseeing the city of Jerusalem, who wants to make sure there are no riots while the Jews are celebrating Passover. He has an agreement with Caiaphas to maintain order in Jerusalem.



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### Introduction

The episode begins with Jesus and the disciples in the Upper Room, where they share the Last Supper. Although this is episode 6, this scene is the earliest part of the Passover Meal we have seen so far. Jesus references a betrayal, and the disciples all clamour to stop the person if Jesus will just reveal who it is. Once again they are told about this being the last time they are gathered together, which grows their concern.

The episode then transitions to a flashback eight months prior, as Nicodemus receives reports after his extended absence. Among them is the report of John the Baptist's death and the growing ministry of Jesus. Nicodemus sends Mattias out on assignment. Then we return to where episode 5 stopped, and we return to, at times, a heated discussion between Mary and Nicodemus. Here we learn that Nicodemus had Mattias spying on Jesus and His followers, and Nicodemus believes the group has been acting recklessly. Mary tries to get Nicodemus to intervene on Jesus behalf before the Sanhedrin. Nicodemus wants to study the scriptures to determine what happens to the Messiah. Nicodemus warns Mary about the danger the group is in, and tells her he is unable to help Jesus, although he may be able to help the disciples. Mary thanks Nicodemus for his attempt to help her, and he refuses to take any credit for it, recognizing it was Jesus who has the power to heal her.

The scene shifts to the home of Caiaphas as Judas is brought to meet him. Judas wants to make clear that he believes Jesus is the Messiah, and when He is arrested, Jesus will show His true power, overthrow His captors, and defeat Rome. It appears negotiations will not happen as Caiaphas disagrees, and before Judas goes to leave, he invites him to sit and discuss things. They negotiate the price to 30 pieces of silver, with the stipulation that the arrest not be made in a crowd, and it has to happen within the next 24 hours.

### Discuss

1. Talk about a time when you were sure you were right about something, but it turned out that you were wrong. What was your reasoning for the certainty you had? How did it affect your relationship with that person?

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2. What does the sacrament of Communion mean to you? How might you see it differently from the disciples who were there for the "first time" Jesus shared the Lord's Supper?
3. What do you think is at the root of the disagreement between Nicodemus and Rabbi Shmuel? Why do you think it is so difficult for Christians to resolve conflicts with one another?
4. Mary thanked Nicodemus for trying to help her because it ultimately led to her being put on the right path with Jesus. Who has been part of your life that has helped you get on the right path? How have you helped others get on the right path?
5. Kofni and his men celebrate the plan to help destroy Jesus by quoting Scripture. How are we guilty of quoting Scripture while planning to do something wrong?
6. Nicodemus tells Yusuf that if they speak fervently for Jesus, no one in the Sanhedrin will listen to them. How can we apply this principle when sharing our faith with others?

## Prayer

Holy Father, give us the wisdom to seek Your truth in scripture, and provide us with courage to trust in Your perfect timing—even when we cannot see the whole picture or understand why betrayal and suffering must come before Your glory. Help us to surrender our agendas and trust entirely in Your sovereign plan, for our lives and the world around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

