

SUMMER SMALL GROUPS

episode five

STUDY GUIDE



THE CHOSEN IS THE FIRST-EVER MULTI-SEASON TV SHOW ABOUT THE LIFE OF JESUS. CREATED OUTSIDE OF THE HOLLYWOOD SYSTEM, THE CHOSEN ALLOWS US TO SEE HIM THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE WHO KNEW HIM.



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Terms:

CHUPPAH, MESSIAH,
CANA, SOLOMON,
PURIFICATION JARS,
STONE MASON

Characters:

VIRGIN MARY, JESUS,
NICODEMUS, JOHN THE BAPTIST
SIMON, EDEN, ANDREW,
RAMAH, THOMAS

Scripture:

LUKE 2:41-52
JOHN 2:1-12
PROVERBS 30:4

WHAT QUOTE OR SCENE FROM THIS EPISODE WAS THE MOST MEANINGFUL OR IMPACTFUL TO YOU? WHY?
WHICH CHARACTERS STOOD OUT TO YOU THE MOST?

1. INSTEAD OF CONDEMNING JOHN, NICODEMUS SAT DOWN AND SAID, "TELL ME ABOUT YOUR MINISTRY." WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAT DOWN AND TALKED TO SOMEONE YOU MIGHT NOT AGREE WITH AND SIMPLY SAID, "TELL ME MORE."
2. IN THIS EPISODE, WE ARE INTRODUCED TO THE VIRGIN MARY. CONSIDER THESE SCENES WITH JESUS: AS A YOUNG BOY, WHEN HE GREETSS HER AT THE WEDDING, AND WHEN SHE APPROACHES HIM FOR HELP. HOW COMFORTABLE ARE YOU WITH THIS PORTRAYAL OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP?
3. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE CHANGES IN SIMON'S DEMEANOR? WERE YOU SURPRISED AT EDEN'S REACTION TO SIMON TELLING HER THAT HE WAS GOING TO FOLLOW JESUS?
4. THE REQUEST TO MAKE MORE WINE SEEMS SOMEWHAT TRIVIAL. WHAT LESSON CAN WE LEARN FROM THE STORY OF THIS MIRACLE WHEN ASKING GOD FOR HELP?
5. HOW CAN PICTURING JESUS SOCIALIZING, DANCING, AND PLAYING GAMES IMPROVE HOW YOU INTERACT WITH HIM? HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT THAT YOU COULD ACTUALLY HAVE FUN WITH JESUS?

EPISODE FIVE

show notes

EPISODE TITLE: THE WEDDING GIFT
EPISODE LENGTH: 54:40 MINUTES

TALKING POINTS:

- 12 YEAR-OLD JESUS TEACHING AT THE TEMPLE
- NICODEMUS TALKING TO JOHN THE BAPTIST
- SIMON TALKING TO EDEN AND TELLING HER ABOUT HIS MIRACULOUS CATCH AND HIS PLANS TO FOLLOW JESUS
- JESUS DIFFERENTIATING THE TWO JAMES - "BIG" AND "LITTLE"
- THADDEUS EXPLAINING HIS JOB AS A STONE MASON AS JESUS PERFORMS HIS FIRST PUBLIC MIRACLE
- THE FILMMAKER'S DECISION TO WEAVE SO MUCH VIBRANT COLOR INTO THIS EPISODE
- JESUS CHANGING WATER TO WINE
- MEETING THOMAS...WHO IS ALREADY DOUBTING!

TERMS:

CHUPPAH: A CANOPY UNDER WHICH A JEWISH COUPLE STAND DURING THEIR WEDDING CEREMONY. IT CONSISTS OF A CLOTH STRETCHED OVER FOUR POLES, OR SOMETIMES MANUALLY HELD UP BY ATTENDANTS TO THE CEREMONY. A CHUPPAH SYMBOLIZES THE HOME THAT THE COUPLE WILL BUILD TOGETHER.

MESSIAH: THE PROMISED DELIVERER OF THE JEWISH NATION PROPHESED IN THE HEBREW BIBLE, "THE ANNOINTED ONE".

CANA: AN ANCIENT SMALL TOWN IN GALILEE, WHERE CHRIST PERFORMED HIS FIRST MIRACLE BY CHANGING WATER INTO WINE DURING A MARRIAGE FEAST.

SOLOMON: THE SON OF KING DAVID AND THE THIRD KING OVER ISRAEL. HE IS CELEBRATED FOR HIS WISDOM AND FOR BUILDING THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD IN JERUSALEM. SOLOMON WROTE MUCH OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS, THE SONG OF SOLOMON, THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES, AND TWO PSALMS.

PURIFICATION JARS: THESE JARS WERE MADE OF STONE FOR ITS PURITY AND WERE USED FOR RITUAL CLEANSING. THE PURIFICATION RITUAL IS GENERALLY A FORM OF WATER-BASED RITUAL WASHING IN JUDAISM FOR REMOVAL OF ANY IMPURITY.

STONE MASON: A PERSON WHO CREATES BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SCULPTURE USING STONE AS THE PRIMARY MATERIAL. MANY OF THE LONG-LASTING STRUCTURES, TEMPLES, MONUMENTS, AND ENTIRE CITIES WERE BUILT OF STONE.

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FROM THIS EPISODE:

LUKE 2:41-52 - NOW HIS PARENTS WENT TO JERUSALEM EVERY YEAR AT THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER. 42 AND WHEN HE WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD, THEY WENT UP ACCORDING TO CUSTOM; 43 AND WHEN THE FEAST WAS ENDED, AS THEY WERE RETURNING, THE BOY JESUS STAYED BEHIND IN JERUSALEM. HIS PARENTS DID NOT KNOW IT, 44 BUT SUPPOSING HIM TO BE IN THE COMPANY THEY WENT A DAY'S JOURNEY, AND THEY SOUGHT HIM AMONG THEIR KINSMEN AND ACQUAINTANCES; 45 AND WHEN THEY DID NOT FIND HIM, THEY RETURNED TO JERUSALEM, SEEKING HIM. 46 AFTER THREE DAYS THEY FOUND HIM IN THE TEMPLE, SITTING AMONG THE TEACHERS, LISTENING TO THEM AND ASKING THEM QUESTIONS; 47 AND ALL WHO HEARD HIM WERE AMAZED AT HIS UNDERSTANDING AND HIS ANSWERS. 48 AND WHEN THEY SAW HIM THEY WERE ASTONISHED; AND HIS MOTHER SAID TO HIM, "SON, WHY HAVE YOU TREATED US SO? BEHOLD, YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU ANXIOUSLY." 49 AND HE SAID TO THEM, "HOW IS IT THAT YOU SOUGHT ME? DID YOU NOT KNOW THAT I MUST BE IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE?" 50 AND THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE SAYING WHICH HE SPOKE TO THEM. 51 AND HE WENT DOWN WITH THEM AND CAME TO NAZARETH, AND WAS OBEDIENT TO THEM; AND HIS MOTHER KEPT ALL THESE THINGS IN HER HEART.

JOHN 2:1-12 - ON THE THIRD DAY THERE WAS A MARRIAGE AT CANA IN GALILEE, AND THE MOTHER OF JESUS WAS THERE; 2 JESUS ALSO WAS INVITED TO THE MARRIAGE, WITH HIS DISCIPLES. 3 WHEN THE WINE GAVE OUT, THE MOTHER OF JESUS SAID TO HIM, "THEY HAVE NO WINE." 4 AND JESUS SAID TO HER, "O WOMAN, WHAT HAVE YOU TO DO WITH ME? MY HOUR HAS NOT YET COME." 5 HIS MOTHER SAID TO THE SERVANTS, "DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU." 6 NOW SIX STONE JARS WERE STANDING THERE, FOR THE JEWISH RITES OF PURIFICATION, EACH HOLDING TWENTY OR THIRTY GALLONS. 7 JESUS SAID TO THEM, "FILL THE JARS WITH WATER." AND THEY FILLED THEM UP TO THE BRIM. 8 HE SAID TO THEM, "NOW DRAW SOME OUT, AND TAKE IT TO THE STEWARD OF THE FEAST." SO THEY TOOK IT. 9 WHEN THE STEWARD OF THE FEAST TASTED THE WATER NOW BECAME WINE, AND DID NOT KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM (THOUGH THE SERVANTS WHO HAD DRAWN THE WATER KNEW), THE STEWARD OF THE FEAST CALLED THE BRIDEGROOM 10 AND SAID TO HIM, "EVERY MAN SERVES THE GOOD WINE FIRST; AND WHEN MEN HAVE DRUNK FREELY, THEN THE POOR WINE; BUT YOU HAVE KEPT THE GOOD WINE UNTIL NOW." 11 THIS, THE FIRST OF HIS SIGNS, JESUS DID AT CANA IN GALILEE, AND MANIFESTED HIS GLORY; AND HIS DISCIPLES BELIEVED IN HIM.

PROVERBS 30:4 - WHO HAS ASCENDED TO HEAVEN AND COME DOWN? WHO HAS GATHERED THE WIND IN HIS FISTS? WHO HAS WRAPPED UP THE WATERS IN A GARMENT? WHO HAS ESTABLISHED ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH? WHAT IS HIS NAME, AND WHAT IS HIS SON'S NAME? SURELY YOU KNOW!