

# The CHOSEN with Hosanna!



## SEASON 3: EPISODE 1

### SCHEDULE

Before June 29 - Watch Episodes 1-2

June 29, 6:45-8:00 - Discuss Episodes 1-2

June 30-July 12 - Watch Episodes 3-4

July 13, 6:45-8:00 - Discuss Episodes 3-4

July 14-26 - Watch Episodes 5-6

July 27, 6:45-8:00 - Discuss Episodes 5-6

July 28-August 16 - Watch Episodes 7-8

August 17, 6:45-8:00 - Discuss Episodes 7-8

### WEBSITES

- Hosanna's Study Website: [www.hosannatogether.org/chosen](http://www.hosannatogether.org/chosen)
- Detailed Guide for Episode 1: <https://www.thebibleartist.com/post/homecoming-exploring-the-chosen-season-3-episode-1-with-youth-or-small-groups>

### BACKGROUND NOTES

- This episode begins with a flashback about a year or more into Matthew's past.
- After the flashback, we return to present, with Jesus preaching the Sermon on the Mount (which he was preparing at the end of Season 2).
- Can't remember who everyone is? Download this PDF character guide!

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- In the opening scene, Matthew says, "Can you name one thing Adonai (God) has done for our people in the past 100 years? The past 500 years?"
  - Do these words resonate with you sometimes? When?
  - What *has* God actually done for us in the past 100 years?
  - What has God actually done for *you* in your life?

- While Jesus is preaching the sermon on the mount, it zooms in on several of the disciples:
  - Why do you think it focuses on each of these characters for those particular quotes?
    - “If you are odds with a brother or sister...” - Matthew
    - “Do not worry...” - Andrew
    - “Do not resist the one who is evil, and if someone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other...” - Simon the Zealot
    - “Love your enemy...” - Roman investigator
    - “Pray for those who persecute you...” - Simon
    - “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors...” - Mary Magdalene
  - How was Jesus speaking to them, even as he was speaking to everyone?
  - What in this sermon that speaks to you?
- John the Baptist told Andrew, “In all that he said to those thousands of people, there was something just for you. There always is.”
  - How have you experienced that when reading the words of Jesus, or hearing sermons?
- Jesus said to Judas: “I only require what other rabbis do--that you seek to be like me . . . But that will be much more difficult with me than with other rabbis, I can assure you. Are you ready to do hard things?”
  - What do you think he means by this?
  - What hard things have you had to do following as a disciple of Jesus?
- Several times in the episode as people greet each other or depart, they say, “Shalom.” This is the Hebrew word for “peace,” but it means much more in Hebrew.
  - Check out this video to learn more about what it means: <https://youtu.be/oLYORLZOaZE>.
  - Why do you think they use this greeting?
- Over and over in this episode, people are thanking each other--Jesus thanks the disciples, Simon thanks Andrew for connecting him to Jesus, Mary thanks Andrew for his apology, etc.
  - Why is saying “thank you” out loud so important?
  - What difference does it make for the thanker? The one being thanked?
- Later in the episode at Mary Magdalene’s house, she, Remah, and Tamar are talking about Joanna (the rich woman). They theorize about her motives, if she’ll come back, and more.
  - What do you think about their conversation? Was it constructive or just gossip?
  - How have you seen women harsher to each other than to their male counterparts?
  - You will get bonus points at our gathering if you can find Joanna in the Bible.
- When Matthew is confused, Mary Magdalene says, “You’re doing really good, Matthew. Everything is new. It’s okay to make a mistake.”
  - When have you had to do new things? Who was the voice of God who encouraged you?
  - Do you allow yourself to make mistakes?
- Andrew apologizes to Mary for saying terrible things to her because he was scared, and she didn’t deserve it.
  - What is the impact on each of them? What happens when we don’t apologize?
  - Mary says that she doesn’t know how to respond to the apology... How *should* we respond when people apologize to us?