

# The Chosen

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O Holy Spirit, help me to recognize You in the Scriptures and in the Chosen Episodes, which are based upon your inspired Word. Open my mind to accept in faith Your truths, even before I am granted right understanding.

### Scripture References:

Luke 2:46-49 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions, and all who heard him were astounded by his understanding and his answers... And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

1 Kings 19:19-20 Elijah set out, and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat, he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen;... Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak on him. ... Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah and said, "... I will follow you."

John 2:1-12 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and the disciples were also invited to the wedding. The wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ... His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." ... when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, (he said) "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now".

Isaiah 40:3 A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God.

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### Things to ponder:

1. Historians and archaeologists estimate the population of Jerusalem in Jesus' time to be about 25,000, but during festivals or holy days the population would be four to five times larger. With the excessive crowds and close quarters it is understandable that it took three days to find the child Jesus. Can you imagine the panic of losing your child... and even more so, the child of God? Have you ever lost sight of a child in your care in a shopping mall, even for a few minutes?
2. Nicodemus and John the Baptism met in prison (believable, but not in scripture). The Pharisees were generally trying to be good people, holy people. Jesus was often challenging their misunderstandings to draw them to the truth and to salvation. Can you see Nicodemus searching for the truth trying to overcome his misunderstandings? Are we open to the truth during our faith journey?
3. Many of us have wondered about Jesus changing the water to wine in Cana. Jesus says, " My hour has not yet come". He responds to his mother's request. This is a good reason to ask Mary to intercede for us to her Son.

### What about you?

- A. Once again we meet a disciple between a rock and a hard place. Thomas was reluctant to do what Jesus asked; he doubted. We all have been there at one time or another. Have you been able to "let go, and let God"? Can you imagine doing this, against all logic that you understand?
- B. Jesus seemed to be having a good time at the wedding... entertaining the children... partying with the disciples and other guests... dancing. Does this shake your vision of how Jesus lived? Is this your vision of the Son of God, our Savior, the Messiah? Or does this help to make 'fully human and fully divine' more understandable?
- C. Simon/Peter is already referring to Jesus as the Messiah, although privately to Eden. He related his call to follow Jesus to Elijah calling Elisha, trying to sell the idea to Eden. We are awaiting Jesus' second coming. Are you ready to accept his call to follow him? How will you sell the idea to your loved ones?