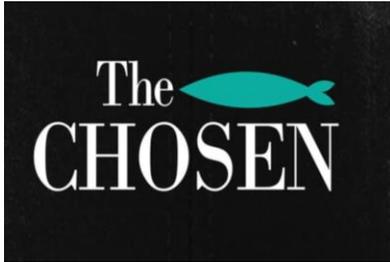


The Chosen

Season 1; Episode 2 - Shabbat (38:57)



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:

Genesis 2:2-3 On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing; he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy; because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation.

Exodus 20:8-11 Remember the sabbath day - keep it holy. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God. You shall not do any work, either you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your work animal, or the resident alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and what is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

Proverbs 31:10-31 Who can find a woman of worth? Far beyond jewels is her value. Her husband trusts her judgement; he does not lack income. She brings him profit, not loss, all the days of her life. (etc.) ... (ending 30-31) Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Acclaim her for the work of her hands, and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.

2 Samuel 18:9 Absalom unexpectedly came up against David's servants. He was mounted on a mule, and, as the mule passed under the branches of a large oak tree, his hair caught fast in the tree. He hung between heaven and earth, while the mule under him kept going.

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Things to ponder:

1. Did you understand the significance of the Shabbat Meals (Sabbath); evening, morning and late afternoon? Note: the Jewish Day begins after sunset and ends with the following sunset.
2. Mary invited 2 people to her Shabbat Dinner, she reserved a space for a special guest, and 3 people showed up, uninvited, but welcome.
3. Does Simon's deal with the Roman (Quintus) surprise you? Does Matthew's deal with the Roman (Quintus) surprise you? (FYI - the name Quintus is not in the Bible)
4. Do you think Nicodemus was a bit arrogant to assume that Mary's cure was a delayed reaction to his 'exorcism'. However, he was quick to acknowledge that she received a miracle.

What about you?

- A. How do you think the Jewish Sabbath relates to our Christian Sunday? Why do we celebrate on Sunday instead of Saturday?
- B. How do we, as Christians, celebrate and honor our Sabbath (Sunday)? Is Sunday 'special' for you -or- is it just another day of the week? Do we still consider our attire for church as 'our Sunday best'?
- C. Did you notice the difference in the guest list for each of the four Shabbat Dinners. If you were hosting a Shabbat Dinner (or a Sunday Dinner), who would you invite? Would you recognize and welcome Jesus, if He showed up unannounced?