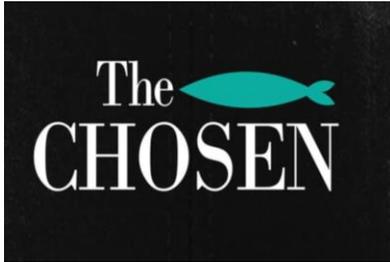


The Chosen

Season 2; Episode 6 - Unlawful (44:34)



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:

1 Samuel 21:5,7 But the priest replied to David, "I have no ordinary bread on hand, only holy bread... so the priest gave him holy bread, for no other bread was on hand except the showbread which had been removed from before the Lord and had been replaced by fresh bread when it was taken away.

Daniel 7:13-14 As the visions during the night continued, I saw coming with the clouds of heaven... One like the son of man. When he reached the Ancient of Days and was presented before him, he received dominion, splendor and kingship;... that shall not pass away.

Mark 3:1,4-5 Again he entered the synagogue. There was a man there who had a withered hand... Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than do evil, to save life rather than destroy it?... he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out and his hand was restored.

Mark 2:23-25 As he was passing through a field of grain on the sabbath, his disciples began to make a path while picking the heads of grain. At this the Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the sabbath?" He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?"

Matthew 26:64-65 Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'" Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy."

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Things to ponder:

1. Unlawful: healing on the sabbath; harvesting heads of grain; carrying your bed mat. The 4th Commandment is Honor the Sabbath. St. Pope John Paul II wrote an encyclical titled: 'Dies Domini', on keeping the Lord's Day Holy. How do we in 2022 keep holy, the Lord's Day?
2. Shmuel, Yanni and the leaders of the small synagogue were outraged over Jesus and his disciples 'violating' the sabbath laws. They did violate the sabbath laws. How did Jesus justify what they did? Are all of the rules wrong or just some of them?
3. In this episode Jesus invites the disciples to accompany him on a visit to a small village synagogue. It seems like he had a plan, a mission. It also seems like he did not share his plan with the disciples. Does it sometimes seem like God has a plan for you, but you don't know the details? How do you cooperate with His plan when you don't know what it is?

What about you?

- A. Mary Magdalene had slipped, 'broken again'. She couldn't face Jesus. Matthew persuaded her to return to Jesus and the disciples. Jesus welcomed her back; he 'forgave her'. He asked her, "Did you think you would never sin again?". Do you sometimes want to hide from God like Adam & Eve in the Garden? How do you muster the courage to approach God to ask forgiveness? He wants this.
- B. James and John were chatting while watching the Zealot's workout routine. James confessed that he did not understand a lot of what Jesus was teaching them. Do you sometimes feel you do not understand the scripture readings or homilies? Have you asked the Holy Spirit to help you? Can you be patient, learning on the way... your faith journey?
- C. Simon Peter wakes on a bed of 'fresh' straw. The first thing he does upon waking is offer a short prayer to God. St. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." Are there certain times of the day that you offer prayers to God? How do you honor the challenge to pray 'always'?