

The Chosen – Season 1- Episode 4

The Rock On Which It Is Built



You can watch this episode via The Chosen app on your smartphone or tablet, or via your web browser on thechosen.tv [here](#).

Scripture References:

- > Jesus calls His first Disciples – [Matthew 4:18-22](#)
- > The Parable of the Net – [Matthew 13:47-52](#)
- > Jesus calls His first Disciples – [Luke 5:1-11](#)
- > Seeing and hearing – [Luke 8:10](#)
- > John the Baptist prepares the way – [Matthew 3:1-7](#)

Synopsis:

In a sentence: Jesus reaches Simon in his darkest hour of need.

In spite of his arrangement with Quintus, Simon deliberately foils a Roman night patrol's attempt to catch Jewish fishermen fishing on the Sabbath; and he pays a painful price. Quintus suspects Simon of duplicity, so he sends the tax collector Matthew to spy on him. Simon comes clean with Eden about the desperate financial straights they are in. Andrew excitedly tells Simon he has met the Messiah but Simon is in no mood to listen. Simon spends a desperate and frustrating night fishing; catching nothing. At his darkest moment Simon encounters Jesus who teaches a parable from Simon and Andrew's boat, then sends the crowd away. Jesus then tells Simon to lower his nets into the water whereupon Simon is the recipient of an amazing miracle. Zebedee encourages his sons, James and John, to follow Jesus. Nicodemus visits the imprisoned John the Baptist to ask him about miracles.

Episode review on Patheos.com:

The full review of this episode is available on patheos.com [here](#). The review provides detail on the historical context and basis for this episode in Old and New Testament scripture, and where the episode departs from scripture through artistic license.

Memorable lines of dialogue:

Eden to Simon: *"Where is your faith?"*
Simon: *"Faith isn't going to get me more fish."*
Eden to Simon: *"You have not pursued the Lord lately. You're off to try to fix it again...
No more talking. Maybe God can get your attention now."*

Jesus to Simon: *"Just allow me a few moments ... please".*

Watch for This:



Starting at 35:30

Jesus pleads for Simon to "Just allow me a few moments ... please".

Where might Jesus be pleading with you to do the same?

Reflect also on what Jesus says to the crowd after asking them if they can hear Him: "Trust me, my yelling voice is not easy on the ears."

Questions for an informal discussion:

1. What did you think about this episode? Did anything particularly stand out for you?
2. What questions do you have about this episode?
3. Maybe it wasn't as dramatic as the miracle of the fish for Simon, but where have you experienced or witnessed a blessing from God?

For personal reflection and/or discussion with friends:

4. What things in our life can make it hard for God to get our attention?

5. Have you ever experienced Jesus coming to you after a “dark night” in your life? Would you share your story?
6. Just as Simon had to first cast his net into the water before Jesus performed the miracle of the fish, where might Jesus be asking you to step out in faith?
7. Andrew met Jesus through John the Baptist and is eager to share the good news with Simon. Who was an *Andrew* in your life and how did they tell you about Jesus? How did you react?
8. Reflect on where in your life Jesus might be pleading with you to *spend a few moments with Him*.
9. Reflect on the parable Jesus teaches while standing in Simon’s boat. What thoughts come to mind?
10. Zebedee encouraged his sons to follow Jesus. Who might you encourage? How?
11. **Over the course of the coming week:** ask Jesus what he wants to show you or teach you in this episode. If you are comfortable doing so, please consider sharing what comes to mind with the group next week.

Going deeper:

- This episode’s Round Table discussion by a group of Biblical Experts can be seen [here](#).
- In this YouTube [video](#) Brandon Robbins shares some surprising details and insights on the episode.
- Watch this short [video](#) on Albert McMakin, an “Andrew” who had a powerful influence on a “Simon”.
- Watch [The Miracle of the Miracle of the Fish](#) to see one of the many “miracles” by which God blessed the production team behind The Chosen. You can watch it on YouTube [here](#).
- **CAUTION – SPOILER ALERT!** Watch another “miracle” by which God blessed the production team behind The Chosen. In this case it’s a “Red Sea Moment” regarding production for **Episode 7 of Season 2**. You can watch it on YouTube [here](#).

Music to reflect on:

[The Battle Belongs](#) (Artist: Phil Wickham)

About This Companion:

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End notes:

None for this episode.