

## The Chosen – Season 1- Episode 6

### *Indescribable Compassion*



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

### Scripture References:

- > Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy  
– [Matthew 8:1-4](#)
- > Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man  
– [Mark 2:1-12](#)
- > The Parable of the Persistent Widow  
– [Luke 18:1-14](#)
- > Giving to the Needy – [Matthew 6:1-18](#)
- > He does not treat us as our sins deserve  
– [Psalm 103:10-12](#)

### Synopsis:

**In a sentence:** Jesus heals a man with leprosy and forgives and heals a paralyzed man.

As they return to Capernaum following the wedding Jesus and His followers meet a leper who has heard about the miracle at Cana and begs Jesus to heal him. Jesus first embraces the leper and then heals him and provides him with a fresh robe. The miracle is witnessed by Tamar. Matthew is still puzzled by the miraculous catch of fish he witnessed in episode 4. Jesus teaches to a large crowd gathered at Zebedee's house. In the midst of Jesus' teaching, Tamar and her friends carry a paralyzed man to Him for healing. Matthew witnesses the miracle in the company of two children. Nicodemus asks Mary to arrange a meeting for him with Jesus.

## 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:

The Leper: *"Please don't turn away from me."*  
Jesus: *"I won't."*

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Matthew: *"They don't believe what I saw, but I do.  
I need to know, am I deceived?"*

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Nicodemus: *"If God did something that you felt contradicted the Torah, would you tell him to get back in that box you carved for him, or would you question your interpretation of the Torah?"*

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Mary Magdalene: *"I don't want to interrupt the Teacher by causing a scene."*  
The Paralytic: *"What if you were me?"*

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Jesus to Tamar: *"Your faith is beautiful."*

## Watch for This:



Starting at 16:49

Perhaps one of the most heart-touching scenes in Season 1. The leper pleads with Jesus *"Please don't turn away from me."* Jesus replies *"I won't."*

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Starting at 39:10

Watch Matthew's fastidiousness on full display as he climbs the ladder up to the roof, wiping each rung as he climbs, and then declines the offer of grapes from Abigail and Joshua. At the end of the scene watch this all fall away as he reaches for a grape while watching the paralytic man being lowered by his friends through the roof to Jesus.

### 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. Did you recognize the two children sitting on the roof beside Matthew in the scene where Jesus heals the paralyzed man?
4. Who might be *modern-day lepers* in our society or your circle of acquaintances?

### For personal reflection and/or discussion with friends:

5. Reflect on the bridge from the song [Reckless Love](#) by Cory Asbury:

*There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me*

If you are comfortable doing so, share a time when these words applied to you or someone you know.

6. In this episode we see Jesus make dramatic changes in the life of the leper and the paralytic. What changes has he made in your life? What new things are you hoping are still to come?
7. In this episode four friends carried the paralyzed man to Jesus. Looking back over your life, when have you been carried? By whom? Would you share your story?
8. Who in your circle of acquaintances might need you to carry them to Jesus? How might you carry them? Who might join you in carrying them?
9. **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 [here](#).

- In this YouTube [video](#) Brandon Robbins shares some surprising details and insights on the episode.
- You can read more about leprosy in Biblical times [here](#).

### Music to reflect on:

Song: [Mighty to Save](#) (artist: Hillsong)

### About This Companion:

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### End notes:

None for this episode.