

## The Chosen – Season 3 - Episode 1

### Homecoming



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### Scripture:

- > The Sermon On The Mount - [Matthew 5-7](#)
- > Joanna's story – [Luke 8:1-3](#) [Luke 24:1-12](#)
- > The Aaronic Blessing Jesus prays over the disciples – [Numbers 6:22-27](#)
- > Jairus' story – [Mark 5:22-41](#)
- > A foretaste of Jesus' sermon? – [Isaiah 61:1](#)

### Synopsis:

The episode opens with a flashback to when Matthew's father (Alphaeus) disowned him, stating *"Don't call me Abba ... I have no son."* Jesus delivers his powerful Sermon On The Mount as thousands gather and are impacted by the sermon in different ways: Hadad (Judas' business partner) sees Jesus as a potential business partner who would bring in a fortune; Andrew is motivated to apologize to Mary Magdalene for his previous hurtful words; Judas makes the case for Jesus to call him to be a follower; Gaius is left speechless and Rabbi Yussif tells Jairus *"I haven't slept since; it was brilliant"*. We meet Jairus and learn that he has a twelve year-old daughter, perhaps (caution: potential spoiler alert!) setting up for [Mark 5:22-41](#) in a future episode. We are introduced to Joanna who offers a lavish gift in support of Jesus' ministry. Andrew is deeply concerned for his first teacher, John the Baptist, and visits him in prison. As the episode ends Matthew returns to his parents' home to attempt a reconciliation and is greeted at the door by Alphaeus. Somehow Alphaeus has experienced a dramatic change of heart too, for he calls Matthew *"son"*.

## Memorable Lines of Dialogue:

Alphaeus (Matthew's father): *Adonai in Heaven.*

Roman Guard: *He's not here.*

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Matthew to his father: *Can you name one thing Adonai has done for His people in one hundred years ... five hundred?*

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Alphaeus to Matthew: *Don't call me Abba ... I have no son.*

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Pilgrim 1 to Pilgrim 2: *He spoke with actual authority, his own, not from someone else; almost above the law.*

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Hadad to Judas: *That "turn the other cheek and lay up treasures in heaven" business was a little naïve, but this man has talent! But why didn't they take up a collection, they could be living like Kings!*

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Jesus to Judas: *I only require what other Rabbis do – that you seek to be like me.*

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Jesus to Barnaby and Shula: *Did you approve of the sermon?*

Barnaby: *Ah ... it was a little long ... but effective.*

Shula: *It was wonderful.*

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Jesus to Simon: *You need to get home. After the joy of having you gone wore off Eden is actually starting to miss you.*

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Joanna to Jesus: *This has been a healing day for me, as John (the Baptist) said it would be.*

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Jesus to Andrew: *You need to rest and to trust Andrew. But perhaps after spending some time with John (the Baptist) you will be able to do both.*

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John the Baptist to Andrew: *Think of it this way, I've never got to sleep in a palace before.*

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John the Baptist to Andrew: *In all that he said to those thousands of people there was something just for you ... for what you are going through, there always is. What was it? Something that stuck with you.*

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Andrew to Mary Magdalene: *I need to apologize to you. I said awful things to you, because I was scared, and you didn't deserve it, and I am very sorry.*

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Matthew to Alphaeus: *Alphaeus.*

Alphaeus to Matthew: *Son.*

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### Memorable Scenes:



[Starting at 0:20] Matthew is disowned by his father.



[Starting at 12:41] Jesus calls Judas to follow Him.



[Starting at 17:35] Jesus prays over the disciples.



[Starting at 26:40] Rabbi Yussif tells Jairus about the sermon he has just heard.



[Starting at 40:27] Andrew visits John the Baptist in prison.



[Starting at 52:13] Andrew apologizes to Mary Magdalene.

### For Discussion:

1. What stood out for you in this episode? What caught your attention, touched your heart or was particularly relevant for you?
2. As in Seasons 1 and 2, gentle humor is sprinkled throughout this opening episode of Season 3. Why do you think it is important to include humor in this telling of the Gospels?
3. Recall Matthew's challenge to his father, "*Can you name one thing Adonai has done for His people in one hundred years ... five hundred?*" How would you answer a similar challenge addressed to you: "*Can you name one thing Adonai has done for you in your lifetime?*"
4. When Joanna asks Jesus if he will be coming to Machaerus to visit John the Baptist in prison, Jesus replies "*No, I will be taking some time alone.*" Why do you think Jesus made this choice? What lesson might there be here for us in terms of creating margin in our lives? Why is it so hard for us to say "no" sometimes?
5. John the Baptist tells Andrew "*In all that he said to those thousands of people there was something just for you ... for what you are going through; there always is.*" Have you ever participated in a worship service that provided exactly what you needed to hear or experience? Share your experience if you are comfortable doing so.
6. You may have heard the expression "*Jesus doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called.*" In this video clip [segment](#) Brandon Robbins describes what it took to be chosen as a Rabbi's disciple in Jesus' day, and contrasts this very high bar with the modest backgrounds of James and John. How does the Brandon Robbins' video and the expression "*... he qualifies the called*" encourage you as a follower of Jesus?
7. Before sending the disciples on their various ways Jesus pronounces the Aaronic Blessing over them. Are there particular situations in life right now where you feel a need for God's blessing and grace?

8. If you have had the opportunity to look at some of the Going Deeper resources (below), was there anything that stood out for you?

### Going Deeper:

- From his *The Chosen Explained* series: Brandon Robbin's deep dive on this episode is available on YouTube [here](#).
- From his *Is The Chosen Biblical?* series, David Pate walks us through the episode discussing what is biblical, what is artistic license and, in his opinion, what they got wrong. You can watch the video on YouTube [here](#).
- Brandon Robbins' commentary *You will never see Judas the same after watching this video* is available on YouTube [here](#).
- Brandon Robbins commentary on the scene where Matthew asks his father to "*name one thing Adonai has done for his people in one hundred years ... five hundred*" is available on YouTube [here](#).
- After the Sermon On The Mount Matthew tells Jesus he recognizes some of what Jesus said, "*from my studies of the teachings of Rabbi Hillel.*" You can learn more about Rabbi Hillel [here](#).
- The Jewish historian Josephus records that John the Baptist was held captive and subsequently beheaded at Herod the Great's palace-fortress of Machaerus on the east side of the Dead Sea in what is now modern Jordan. You can read more [here](#).

### About This Companion:

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