

The Chosen – Season 3 - Episode 2

Two by Two



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

Scripture:

- > Jesus sends out the twelve - [Matthew 10:1-15](#)
- > The disciples pray together - [Psalm 3:1-6](#)
- > "Isaiah promises you will leap like a deer" - [Isaiah 35:6](#)
- > Little James quotes from the Song of David - [Psalm 139:14](#)
- > "We remember what Job said." - [Job 1:21](#)

Synopsis:

Jesus is becoming a problem for Quintus with a growing number of those who heard his Sermon On The Mount now following Jesus to Capernaum and setting up a tent city at its gates. Matthew has an emotional reconciliation with his parents and we learn the reason for Alphaeus' change of heart. The romance between Thomas and Ramah blossoms. Jesus tells the disciples it is not sustainable for him to do all the preaching, healing and ministering, so he tells them they will be his apostles; and he is sending them out two by two in every direction; but not to the Gentiles or the Samaritans. Anxiety, uncertainty and bickering take root amongst the disciples as they contemplate being sent out in Jesus' name. In a scene filled with emotion, Little James asks Jesus why he hasn't healed him. The episode concludes with the disciples gathering together for prayer before their departure throughout Judea.

Memorable Lines of Dialogue:

Atticus to Gaius: *You don't think this poses a problem for the rule of law? Quintus is going to come out of his sandals when he sees this.*

Matthew to his parents: *I never understood why I was so different than everyone else. I just wanted a comfortable life.*

Matthew's mother to Matthew: *Matthew, He chose you!*

Matthew: *To this day I don't know why.*

Atticus to Simon the Zealot: *You were a Zealot; now you are a traitor, and they won't stop.*

Andrew to Jesus: *It would appear as though we are building an army, teacher.*

Jesus to Andrew: *Well, that's one way to look at it. The other is my way.*

Jesus to the twelve disciples: *It is not sustainable for me to do all the preaching, all the healing, and ministering. ... I have chosen you twelve as my apostles.*

Jesus to the disciples: *I am sending you out in every direction, two by two, specifically to our people only. ... but not to the Gentiles, not yet, that will come in time.*

Thaddeus to Jesus: *Was there a ceremony I missed?*

Jesus in reply: *This is it.*

Thaddeus: *I don't feel any different.*

Jesus in reply: *I don't need you to feel anything different to do great things.*

Jesus to the twelve: *Listen carefully, all of you. Do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. ... There will come a time when this will become far more difficult; when persecution is an ever-present part of your ministry.*

Little James to Jesus: *Then why haven't you (healed me)?*

Jesus in reply: *Because I trust you. ... To show people you can be patient with your suffering here on earth because you know you will spend eternity with no suffering.*

Jesus to Little James: *And when you do great things in my name, in spite of your weakness, the impact will last for generations.*

Jesus to Little James: *And James, remember, you will be healed. It's only a matter of time.*

Memorable Scenes:



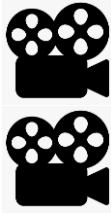
[Starting at 5:33] Matthew has an emotional reconciliation with his parents.



[Starting at 13:22] Quintus at his finest.



[Starting at 35:05] Jesus sending out the twelve disciples, two by two.



[Starting at 53:08] *"Then why haven't you healed me?"*

[Starting at 1:02:47] The disciples pray together before departing on their ministries.

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. In previous episodes Matthew often carried a small cloth in his hand (see image below). Matthew frequently used the cloth to self-soothe in times of stress or uncertainty. Why do you think the writers of The Chosen had Matthew let go of the cloth after he reconciled with his parents? Is there a message for us in this scene?



At 10:58 in the episode.

3. When Matthew's mother proudly tells him *"He chose you!"*, Matthew replies *"To this day I don't know why."* Have you ever wondered this about yourself? What brings clarification, encouragement and reassurance to you? How can we help others find and fulfill their role as Jesus' disciples too?
4. Why do you think Jesus instructed the twelve to focus their ministry on the Jews in their first outing as his apostles, and exclude the Gentiles and the Samaritans? Is there a lesson here for us?

⁵ *These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.* Matthew 10:5-6 (ESV)

5. Jesus instructed the disciples in what to do if their message was not received. How should we react to rejection of our ministry efforts today?

¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. Matthew 10:12-15 (ESV)

6. Reflect on the discussion between Little James and Jesus, where Little James asks “*Why haven’t you healed me?*” In what way can you relate to the discussion? In what way are Jesus’ words comforting to you?
7. In the closing scene of the episode the disciples recite [Psalm 3](#) (*A song of David when he fled from Absalom his son*) to encourage themselves as their ministry is about to begin. Is there a scripture passage or a worship song that is comforting to you, when you are anxious or afraid?
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](#).
- Christian evangelist and motivational speaker Nick Vujicic was born without arms or legs. Dallas Jenkins discusses the *Why haven’t you healed me?* scene with him in this YouTube [video](#).

About This Companion:

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