

The Chosen – Season 3 - Episode 3

Physician, Heal Yourself



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

Scripture:

- >What Jesus read at the synagogue - [Isaiah 61:1-2](#)
- >Elijah and the Famine – [1 Kings 17](#)
- >Elisha heals Naaman of leprosy – [2 Kings 5](#)
- >The passages inside the mezuzah - [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#) (The Shema) and [Deuteronomy 11:13-21](#)
- >The fate of false prophets – [Deuteronomy 18:20-22](#)

Synopsis:

The episode begins with a flashback to Jesus' childhood where we see him learning to walk and playing as a toddler with his mother and Lazarus. We then leap ahead to after the Sermon On The Mount, where Jesus returns to his mother's home in Nazareth for [Rosh Hashanah](#). Ominously, Jesus tells his mother he will need *the box* which we later learn contains a mule's bit and bridle passed down through the tribe of Judah from the time of the Exodus. At the Rosh Hashanah celebrations Jesus shows his lack of skill at a game of [Trigon](#) and Rabbi Benjamin agrees to let Jesus speak at synagogue that afternoon. In his synagogue teaching Jesus says he is the long-awaited Messiah, to the shock and anger of many. When Jesus will not retract his claim he is led away to be thrown off a cliff. As Jesus is marched to the edge of the cliff he says *"This isn't going to happen, not today"* and walks away through the crowd who are too amazed or stunned to react. The episode concludes with Jesus, his mother and Lazarus contemplating the tomb of his father. Jesus says *"There is no turning back ... not after today."*

Memorable Lines of Dialogue:

Jesus to his mother: *Eema, I'm going to need the box while I'm here.*

Rafi to Jesus: *Don't be surprised if some people run out of wine on purpose just to see what you will do.*

Lazarus to Jesus: *And being a Rabbi like you are, with the lack of schooling you got – amazing!*

Lazarus to Jesus: *Do you think you can come up with something impactful on short notice?*

Jesus in reply: *We'll see.*

Lazarus to Jesus (as he helps Jesus put on his backpack): *Your home sir.*

Jesus in reply: *Ha Ha – that's low!*

Rabbi Benjamin to Jesus: *Please explain why you stopped the reading before Isaiah spoke of the day of vengeance of our God. Especially during a time of such oppression.*

Jesus in reply: *The day of vengeance is in the future. I'm not here for vengeance; I'm here for salvation.*

Jesus teaching in the synagogue: *If you cannot accept that you are spiritually poor and captive in the same way that a gentile woman and a Syrian leper recognized their need. If you do not realize that you need a year of the Lord's favor ... then I cannot save you.*

Rabbi Benjamin: *Are you claiming to be the Messiah, or are you merely claiming to speak for the Lord as a prophet?*

Jesus in reply: *Yes*

Rabbi Benjamin
(quoting Deuteronomy): *You are a false prophet! In Words, a book of Moses ... “But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak ... that same prophet shall die.”*

Rabbi Benjamin: *Jesus, if you do not renounce your words we will have no choice but to follow the Law of Moses.*

Jesus in response: *I **am** the Law of Moses!*

Jesus as the crowd is
preparing to throw him
off the cliff: *Rafi, Aaron, Rabbi Benjamin ... this isn’t going to happen ... not today.*

Jesus to his mother: *I had to say what I did today. I know it was frightening, but even they must hear it.*

Jesus to his mother
(as they stand before
his father’s tomb): *I wanted to see it one last time. I’m not coming back here. There is no turning back ... not after today.*

Lazarus to Jesus: *What is the bridle for?*

Jesus: *You’ll know soon enough.*

Memorable Scenes:



[Starting at 20:15] Jesus loses at a game of Trigon.



[Starting at 24:02] Jesus speaks at the synagogue – his message causes an uproar.



[Starting at 42:54] Jesus' father gives him the mule's bit and bridle and explains its significance.

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. Why do you think the writers of The Chosen show Jesus not being adept at sports (he loses at the game of Trigon)? What point are they trying to make about Jesus?
3. In response to Rabbi Benjamin's threat of punishment under the Law of Moses, Jesus says "*I am the Law of Moses*". While there is no record in scripture of Jesus making this declaration, how might it be a fitting description of him?
4. Why do you think Rafi (shown on Jesus' left in the picture on page 1) was such an eager member of the crowd marching Jesus to his death, given that Rafi had witnessed Jesus' first miracle – turning the water into wine at the wedding in Cana?
5. This episode introduces a new story line - the bridle being passed down in Jesus' family ("*the tribe of Judah*") from generation to generation, beginning forty generations back at the time of the Exodus. The bridle story is not biblical so why do you think the writers of The Chosen gave it such prominence?
6. In this episode we see Jesus following the Jewish custom of kissing the mezuzah as he enters his mother's home. Brandon Robbins explains the significance of the custom in [this](#) segment¹ from his *The Chosen Explained* video for this episode.

If you were going to install a mezuzah on the doorway into your home, what passage(s) of scripture would you put in it? Why would you choose these?

7. This statement from Jesus seemed to be the one that particularly upset people in the synagogue:

"If you cannot accept that you are spiritually poor and captive in the same way that a gentile woman and a Syrian leper recognized their need. If you do not realize that you need a year of the Lord's favor ... then I cannot save you."

Why do you think that statement was so upsetting to those who heard it?

What might *a year of the Lord's favor* look like today?

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](#).
- From their [Messianic Theologian Reacts](#) series: Sam and Dr. Tom bring some first century and Jewish context to why Jesus could have said something like "*I am the Law of Moses*", and what the statement means, in this YouTube [video](#).
- The line of dialogue where Jesus says: "*I **am** the law of Mosses*", generated a great deal of discussion and significant controversy in discussion forums. Brandon Robbins and Brandon Snipe discuss the meaning of the line, and the controversy around it on YouTube [here](#).

About This Companion:

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End Notes:

¹ The segment on the mezuzah ends at 5:47 in the video.