

The Chosen – Season 3 - Episode 5

Clean – Part 2



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Scripture:

- > This episode's theme – [Mathew 11:28](#)
- > Laws about bodily discharges - [Leviticus 15](#)
- > Jesus on fasting - [Matthew 6:16](#) [Mark 2:18-19](#)
- > The tzitzit – [Numbers 15:37-39](#)
- > New wine in old wineskins - [Mark 2:22](#)
- > Living water vs cisterns – [Jeremiah 2:13](#)
- > The woman who touched Jesus' garment; and the story of Jairus' daughter – [Mark 5:21-43](#)
- > "Your faith has made you well" – [Mathew 9:22](#) [Mark 5:34](#) [Luke 17:19](#) [Luke 18:42](#)

Synopsis:

The episode begins with a flashback to two weeks previous, when Simon and his fellow disciples were away from their homes, ministering in Judea. In the flashback Eden suffers a miscarriage. After the opening credits Jairus learns there is no hope for his sick daughter – her death will be soon. Simon follows Gaius' advice telling Eden *"You were right, I'm sorry"* but tensions still linger between him and Eden. Judas shows his business acumen as he helps Zebedee acquire an olive grove and training for his new venture in support of Jesus' ministry. Simon and Gaius continue their joint work restoring Capernaum's cistern with the broken cistern reminding Simon of [Jeremiah 2:13](#). In their conversation Gaius tells Simon he has a servant boy, possibly setting up for (spoiler alert!) [Matthew 8:5-13](#) in a future episode. In desperation Jairus searches for Jesus and finds him meeting with the disciples in Simon's

home. He begs Jesus to heal his daughter. On Jesus' way to Jairus' home a desperate Veronica pushes through the crowd to touch his garment and is healed. Jesus thanks her for blessing him and calls her *daughter*. Jesus revives Jairus' daughter from the dead, with Rabbi Michael's reaction, in the midst of the miracle, only being concern that Jesus had touched a dead body. The episode concludes with Jesus' response to Rabbi Akiva's pronouncing Jesus ceremonially unclean for touching a corpse and (on the same day even!) touching a woman who was bleeding. We see Jesus's response – he and the disciples happily frolic in a lake. While they are doing so, Eden stands on the shore looking on in sadness.

Memorable Lines of Dialogue:

Veronica to Thaddeus and Nathaniel: *I heard what he can do, and I saw his sermon. I am unable to go to synagogue. My father disowned me. I've got no one.*

Phillip to Jesus: *John required us to fast at regular intervals. He said the sacrifice of fasting is integral to any serious commitment to God, and yet you've never once asked any of us to fast. ... The Pharisees fast all the time.*

Andrew: *Making a big scene out of it, disfiguring their faces.*

Jesus: *Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days are coming when the bridegroom will be taken away from them. Then they will fast.*

Andrew: *I'll be the first to admit, I don't get it.*

Jesus: *The ways of the kingdom I am bringing into this world will not fit into old containers or frameworks.*

Simon to Gaius: *Another thing we have is prophecies. And I'm beginning to think I'm living in one.*

Gaius: *What, with the preacher?*

Simon: *No, this. Our prophet, Jeremiah, he said "My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water." ...*

Jesus to the crowd: *Who touched me?*

Jesus to Veronica: *It was me. Just the fringe of your garment, just the edge, I promise. You are not unclean. ... I was sick for 12 years. I bled, and no one could stop it.... But I believed if I could just touch a piece of your garment ... I was right ... I was right ... Thank you.*

Jesus: *Who told you I could heal?*

Veronica: *A man from The Pool.*

Jesus to Veronica: *My daughter.*

Veronica: *I'm no one's daughter anymore. I've been disowned.*

Jesus: *Look up. Yes you are – daughter. It wasn't my piece of clothing that healed you ... it was your faith.*

Rabbi Yussif: *Teacher, she was bleeding so long ... we can take her ...*

Jesus in response: *She is clean!*

Jesus to Veronica: *You have blessed me today, and I know you must be exhausted. Go now in peace; your faith has made you well.*

Jairus to Jesus: *It looks like I came to the right man.*

Jesus: *Well between you and her (Veronica) it's quite a big day of faith.*

Jesus to Jairus' dead daughter: *Little lamb, arise.*

Jairus to Jesus: *Thank you. There are no other words but Thank you.*

Jesus in reply: *Thank you for your faith. I pray that more in the synagogue will share it.*

Rabbi Akiva to Jesus: *I don't know what may or may not have happened in there; but did you touch a corpse?*

Jairus when told his daughter
was dead: *No, I was getting Jesus! I went as fast as I could!*

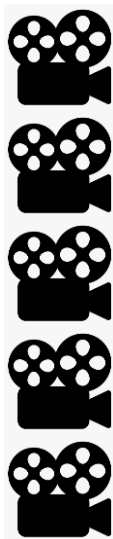
Jesus in reply to Jairus: *Do not be afraid. Only believe. She will be well.*

Jesus to the professional
mourners: *All of you, stop it! Go away, for she isn't dead, but only sleeping.*

The professional mourners in
response: *Laughing.*

Jesus: *Everyone in this room, please listen to me carefully. Simon, James, John, Jairus, Michal, and Nili, none of you are to say a word about this to anyone, under any circumstances. Do I make myself clear?*

Memorable Scenes:



[Starting at 27:00] Jairus pleads for Jesus to help his near-death daughter.

[Starting at 31:24] Jesus heals the bleeding woman.

[Starting at 40:17] Jesus heals Jairus' daughter.

[Starting at 46:50] After 12 terrible years, Veronica is free.

[Starting at 48:40] The Rabbi's reaction to Jesus bringing Jairus's daughter back to life, and healing Veronica.

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. After healing Nili (Jairus' daughter) Jesus told all assembled "Do not tell anyone; under any circumstances." Why do you think Jesus did not want them to tell others what they had just witnessed?

3. At 46:50 we see Veronica cutting herself free from the ropes and burdens that so enslaved her for the past twelve years. Looking back over your life, what ropes has Jesus freed you from? Where is he still working? Please share if comfortable do so.
4. *"You have blessed me today."* Jesus healed Veronica then he thanked **her** for blessing **him**. How did Veronica bless Jesus? How can we do the same in our lives?
5. *"Do not be afraid – only believe."* Are you facing a situation where this statement brings comfort to you today?
6. While working on the cistern with Gaius, Simon refers to [Jeremiah 2:13](#) – where the people have abandoned the "Living Water" for cisterns that can bring no lasting refreshment. Brandon Robbins expands on this passage [here](#) in his *The Chosen Explained* commentary for this episode (see Going Deeper below). Reflect on where we might be doing the same today – pursuing something other than the Living Water of Jesus. Why do we do that? Share your thoughts if comfortable doing so.
7. Rabbi Akiva to Jesus (accusingly): *"I don't know what did or did not happen in there, **but did you touch a corpse?**"* Why do you think the Pharisees could not celebrate what Jesus had done, but instead were focused on any violations of the laws of Moses? What things might be keeping us from seeing Jesus so powerfully at work today?
8. The theme for this episode is Matthew 11:28 *"Come to me all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."* (NLT). Take some time to reflect on the passage. What thoughts come to mind?
9. 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 Robbins' deep dive on this episode is available on YouTube [here](#).
- From his *Is The Chosen Biblical?* series, David Pate walks us through this episode discussing what is biblical, what is artistic license and what, in his opinion, they got wrong. You can watch the video on YouTube [here](#).
- A commentator in The Chosen Fan Club Facebook group says the scene at 46:50 (Veronica cutting the ropes) reminds them of *cardboard testimonies* services they have witnessed. Be encouraged as people share how Jesus cut through the ropes that so bound them, in this cardboard testimonies segment on YouTube [here](#).

- Enjoy the beautiful song *New Wine*. It is on YouTube [here](#).
- Jesus said to Jairus “*Do not fear, only believe.*” On the same day as Episode 5 was released (January 8, 2023), [Lakeside Church](#) Pastor Robyn Elliott preached a sermon that powerfully amplified Jesus’ statement. The sermon is entitled *Fear Factor*. You can watch it on YouTube [here](#).
- Reflect on this *Our Daily Bread* reading [Do not Fear only Believe](#).
- In The Chosen discussion groups, speculation is growing that Rabbi Yussif will turn out to be Joseph of Arimathea. You can learn more about Joseph of Arimathea [here](#).

About This Companion:

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