

The Chosen – Season 2 - Episode 5

Spirit



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Scripture references:

- >John the Baptist prepares the way – [Luke 3:1-20](#)
- >John the Baptist exalts Jesus – [John 3:22-36](#)
- >Jesus casts out an evil spirit – [Mark 1:21-27](#)
- >You brood of vipers – [Matthew 12:34](#)

Synopsis:

In a sentence: John the Baptist has a long discussion with Jesus; Mary regresses to her former unhealthy ways after being profoundly affected by an encounter with Roman soldiers and then a demon-possessed man; a new disciple joins the group; the Pharisees ramp up their schemes to bring down Jesus and even conspire against rival factions in the Sanhedrin.

As the episode begins Mary Magdalene experiences a panic attack when she encounters Roman soldiers while she is gathering flowers in a field. Distraught, she throws away the paper on which was written the prayer she had been reciting. Jesse is questioned by the Pharisees about his healing and scoffs when he is told he was healed by Jesus of *Nazareth*. “*Nazareth*” he says with a smirk.

John the Baptist has a long discussion with Jesus before continuing on to Jerusalem to confront King Herod over his adultery. Before they are cast out by Jesus, demons in a possessed man cause Mary Magdalene such anguish she soon wanders away from the group and returns to some of her previous dark ways. Simon the Zealot joins the disciples and wonders what role he can play after Jesus throws away his dagger. Once they realize Mary is missing, Jesus sends Simon and Matthew to look for her.

Memorable lines of dialogue:

Demon possessed man to

Simon the Zealot:

"It makes me cut myself."

Simon the Zealot to the man:

"Would you believe this isn't the strangest thing that's happened to me this week."

John the Baptist to Jesus:

"I heard about the scandal at the pool. I love it! They're going to come after you so hard for that."

Jesus:

"Let them."

Jesus to John the Baptist:

"I understand it is against the law of Moses, but I'm here for greater purposes than the breaking of rules."

John the Baptist:

"What laws of Moses should be minimized?"

John the Baptist to Jesus:

"I'm beginning to wonder why you're taking this so slow. Why you're always running away after performing miracles."

Jesus to John the Baptist:

"I heard about that *brood of vipers* comment."
"That was classy."

Jesus to John the Baptist:

"Look. I'm going to tell stories that make sense to some people but not to others. And that's just how it's going to be."

Jesus to John the Baptist: "I'm always ready to do my father's will. But that doesn't make it easy."

John the Baptist to Jesus: "I've lived my whole life with warnings. Warnings are how I know I'm on the right track!

Jesus in reply: "It's not a warning. You're doing what you're supposed to do. I'm just reminding you to be sure to listen to God's voice as you do it."

John the Baptist: "Always!"

Demon from within the demon-processed man:
Mary Magdalene: "Lilith!"
"I don't answer to that name. My name is Mary. It was always Mary."

Jesus to the demon: "Out! Out of him!"

Jesus to Kaleb (after casting out the demon): "Welcome back. ... It's over now ..."

Jesus to Simon the Zealot: "I have everything I need, but I wanted you."
"... No one buys their way into our group because of special skills."

Watch for this:



[Starting at 14:40]

In this scene John the Baptist expresses his concern with the slow pace of Jesus's ministry.



[Starting at 21:50]

In this powerful scene we see the confrontation between the disciples and the demon-possessed man. (Note also Matthew's choice of weapon to confront the demon.)



[Starting at 36:01]

In this scene John the Baptist departs for Jerusalem to confront Herod. Note the look of sadness in Jesus' eyes as John leaves.



[Starting at 41:54]

Her trauma has caused Mary to regress. She is responding to her old name, Lily, again.



[Starting at 42:30]

In this scene Jesus sends Simon Peter and Matthew out to search for Mary. (Do you recognize what sermon he may be working on at the start of the scene?)

Questions for discussion:

1. What stood out for you in this episode? Were there any scenes or dialog that particularly spoke to you? Why?
2. In conversation with Jesus, John the Baptist said *"The sole reason for me to be conceived was to pave the way for you."* Who paved the way for you to know Jesus? How did they do it?
3. John the Baptist to Jesus: *"I'm beginning to wonder why you're taking this so slow. Why you're always running away after performing miracles."*

If you could ask Jesus one question about his Ministry when he was here on earth, what would it be?

4. Jesse scoffed when told the Jesus who healed him came from *Nazareth*. Have you ever been shown or taught something about God's Kingdom by someone you might not have expected to

do so?

5. “*I thought Jesus was ashamed of me.*” In this short [clip](#) Dallas Jenkins shares a letter from a viewer who could identify with Mary falling back into her former dark ways. What thoughts or feelings come to mind as you watch the clip?
6. Have you ever been disillusioned in your faith journey? What helped you through this period? Please share your story if comfortable doing so.
7. If you have had the opportunity to look at some of the Going Deeper resources (below), was there anything that stood out for you?

For personal reflection:

8. **Over the course of the coming week:** ask Jesus what he wanted 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:

- From his *The Chosen Explained* series: Brandon Robbins’ deep dive on this episode is available on YouTube [here](#).
- This episode’s Round Table discussion by a group of Biblical Experts can be seen [here](#).
- Dallas Jenkins says this episode generated the most controversy amongst viewers. In this YouTube [video](#) he summarizes the various controversies and provides his thoughts.
- You can read more about Herod’s problem with John the Baptist [here](#).

About This Companion:

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End notes:

None for this episode