

The Chosen – Season 2 - Episode 8

Beyond Mountains



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Scripture references:

>The Sermon on the Mount – [Matthew 5-7](#)

>The 12 disciples – [Mark 3:13-19](#)

Synopsis:

In a sentence: Working with Matthew, Jesus refines his sermon; crowds gather to hear Jesus deliver what we now refer to as The Sermon on the Mount; the gathering crowds include another man who will join the group of Jesus' disciples.

The episode begins with two businessmen negotiating, one of them with some treachery, to buy a plot of land to use for tombs for the middle class.

After the opening credits we see the disciples going about routine tasks in their camp, as they continue to bicker about the right way to follow Jesus and stress about the upcoming sermon. Mary Magdalene helps Rama learn to read the scriptures. James, Thaddeus and Nathanael are sent out to find a location for the sermon. The Pharisees continue to scheme against Jesus and even plot how to discredit rival factions in their synagogue. Matthew acts as the scribe for Jesus's sermon and offers his suggestions on its wording. We see a beautiful illustration of the Beatitudes as various disciples are pictured as the Beatitude is spoken by Jesus. The identity of one of the businessmen is revealed – he will become a member of Jesus' disciples in the next season of The Chosen.

Memorable lines of dialogue:

Land owner to the two businessmen: "This is all the promised land, no matter how it looks to you."

Big James to Simon: "Where's Matthew?"
Simon to Big James: "He went away early this morning with Jesus."
Big James to Simon: "Why does he always take Matthew?"

Mary to Rama: "I've been memorizing that Song of David. I need more works, more tools. I can't let that happen again."

Thomas to Tamar: "They all love our Rabbi and want to follow him in the right way. They just can't figure out what that right way is."

Judas to his business partner: "There's only one true king, in heaven. Everyone else, including Caesar is enjoying delusions of power and wealth. Sooner or later we all become dust."

Judas to his business partner: "Man was formed from earth, and eventually will return to it. The time in between, there has to be more to life than that."

Thaddaeus to James: "This is probably the spot."
Nathanael in reply: "What? Why? It's completely repellant."
Thaddaeus in reply: "Exactly."

Rabbi Shammai: "Nothing is small when it comes to fidelity to God's law"

Jesus to Matthew: "I don't want passive followers."

Matthew to Jesus: "But how is it a map?"
Jesus in reply: "If someone wants to find me, those are the groups they should look for."

Tamar to Jesus: "Blue. It's a common color. Softens your hard edges."
Jesus in response: "I have hard edges?"

Simon to Judas: "I'm Simon."
Judas in response: "I'm Judas."

Watch for this:



[Starting at 06:01]

Jesus' followers give thanks before eating; even the smallest meal.



[Starting at 11:00]

One of the businessmen has regrets over how they deceived the landowner. Perhaps foreshadowing his regret over a future action?"



[Starting at 15:37]

The Pharisees discuss their concerns about Jesus and scheme against rival factions in their synagogue.



[Starting at 31:37].

The Beatitudes, illustrated by references to Jesus' followers.



[Starting at 35:13]

Jesus practices his sermon, interrupted by his mother.



[Starting at 37:58]

We learn the name of one of the businessmen.



[Starting at 40:19]

Jesus and his mother have a final conversation before the sermon begins.

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. What are your impressions of Judas, as we first meet him in this episode?
3. Reflect on the opening portion of the Sermon on the Mount ([Matthew 5:1-15](#)). Is there a particular verse that particularly speaks to you? Share your thoughts if comfortable doing so.
4. Why do you think the producers entitled this episode *Beyond Mountains*?
5. Why do you think the writers had Jesus polishing the wording of his sermon, and practising it, rather than its words and images just flowing perfectly from his mind right from the start?
6. If you have had the opportunity to look at some of the Going Deeper resources (below), was there anything that stood out for you?
7. **As Season 2 concludes, what were some of the hi-lights of the season for you?**

For personal reflection:

8. **Over the course of the coming week:** The theme of Season 2 is **Come and See**. Ask Jesus what he wanted to show you or teach you in Season 2 of The Chosen.

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](#).
- In this YouTube [video](#) Brandon Robbins shares insights on *8 Things You Didn't Know About Judas*.
- [Cornerstone Family Church](#) has made available this 40 day devotional based on Season 2 of The Chosen. You can access it [here](#).
- Season two was another emotional one! Time to smile – enjoy the outtakes from the season starting at 50:22 of this last [episode](#) of season 2.

About This Companion:

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End notes:

None for this episode.