

Bible Study on “The Chosen” (S1:E6) “Indescribable Compassion”

- Watch “The Chosen” episode 6 of Season 1 (50 minutes)

Story Progression:

- A man tries to sell his stone-mason tools to a pawn broker; but is discovered to be a leper.
- Matthew and Centurion having to deal with the huge profits from Simon’s miraculous fish catch.
- Jewish authorities worry about John the Baptist’s large following.
- Matthew realizes he actually witnessed a miracle when Simon caught so many fish.
- Jesus is willing to cleanse the poor leper, and does, by His mere touch.
- Simon’s mother-in-law is very sick; likely dying.
- Nicodemus questions Shmuel how best to understand Isaiah.
- Jesus teaches ever larger crowds; Jesus forgives and heals a paralytic who was lowered through a roof.

Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus frequently displayed His loving compassion for the sick and lame. What are some examples of great compassion that you have encountered in your life?
2. Jesus need not have touched the leper (and become ritually ‘unclean’ Himself). Jesus could simply have spoken and healed the leper. Yet Jesus chose to touch the leper while the man was still unclean. (Matt 8:2-3) Does this compare to the way God chooses to embrace us while we are still sinners?
3. The leper sought to approach Jesus despite the weapons being drawn by the disciples. That was his bold faith on display. What's holding you back from showing the kind of bold faith the leper had?
4. Nicodemus tells Shmuel that it is possible to respect the law while also considering the possibility that God is still active and making things new. “We can do both.” Have you put God in a “box”?
5. They tore a hole in the roof to get access to Jesus. In order to take such extreme measures, what must the four men carrying their friend have believed about Jesus?
6. In Matthew 9:6, Jesus called Himself the “Son of Man” who has the authority to forgive sins and the power to heal. The religious authorities considered such talk to be blasphemous. How would you interpret Jesus’ words?
7. Paul writes in 2 Cor 5:17-18 that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. God sovereignly reconciles sinners to Himself through Christ. What's your plan for submitting to Christ's authority?
8. Paul writes in Gal 3:25-29 that as faith has come, we are no longer under the law, but we are children and heirs of God through that faith. What is the function of God’s law for those who are in Christ?
9. Which part of this episode was the most different from how you imagined it being after reading the corresponding passages in Scripture?