

Bible Study on “The Chosen” (S1:E4) “The Rock on Which it is Built”

- Watch “The Chosen” episode 4 of Season 1 (49 minutes)

Story Progression:

- Simon guides the Romans who seek to arrest tax-evading fishermen at night.
- Simon avoids betraying his fellow Jews by running aground (“accidentally”).
- Matthew is soon employed by Quintus (the local Roman Praetor) to spy on Simon.
- Nicodemus hears about John the Baptist and Jesus’ odd preaching.
- “Imma” Simon’s mother-in-law is sick in bed, dying.
- Simon confesses to wife (Eden) about his having been fishing secretly during Shabbat.
- Andrew claims he’s found the Messiah.
- Matthew warns Simon that Quintus plans to have him arrested the next morning.
- John the Baptist is arrested and jailed.
- Simon resolves to go fishing to try to raise money; James, John and Zebedee help; they catch nothing.
- At dawn, Jesus is preaching on the shoreline to a small group; advises Simon to cast his net once more.
- Simon catches two boatloads of fish; Matthew, watching Simon from shore, is amazed and stunned.
- Nicodemus interviews John the Baptist in jail.

Discussion Questions:

1. The miraculous catch (Luke 5:1-11) resulted in Simon, Andrew, James and John becoming disciples and followers of Jesus. Might their snap-decisions actually have been divinely pre-planned?
2. Describe your own “Follow Me” moment with Jesus. What incident in your life triggered your inward transformation? Could you regard your own transformation as a miracle?
3. Simon confessed to Jesus that he was a sinful man. Is it hard to confess your sins to God? Why?
4. Jesus provided for Simon’s economic need, but the miracle was more than that. Jesus called upon Simon and the others to spread the good news to save souls. What work has Jesus called you to do?
5. The religious leaders considered John the Baptist to be a crazy heretic. In so doing, they missed the point of Scripture. Is it possible that today’s evangelical Christian culture is similarly off the mark?
6. Jesus’ intense parables and teachings were not sanitized, feel-good messages. What impact would this miracle likely have had in the context of Jesus’ time?
7. Explain in your own words how salvation in Christ is free, but following Christ costs you everything.
8. According to Matthew 7:21-23, what is the evidence of a true follower of Christ?
9. Is there something in your life that needs to be left behind so that you can follow Jesus more fully?