

The Chosen Season 3 Discussion Questions and Bible Study

Episode 3 – Physician Heal Thyself

Summary As the disciples have been sent out by Jesus, he heads back to Nazareth to see his mother and celebrate Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year Celebration). This episode provides us with a heartwarming, reflective story focused solely on Jesus and his trip home. In Nazareth we meet Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha. Jesus is allowed to give the teaching for Rosh Hashanah and reads from the prophet Isaiah. When questioned by the local rabbi, Jesus admits to being the Messiah sent from God. The response to this claim in his hometown is not favorable. After claiming to be the “law of Moses” he is threatened with execution as a false teacher and heretic and taken to a cliff to be thrown down.

Bible Passages Basis

Deuteronomy 13

Luke 2:52

Luke 4:14-30 Jesus rejected at Nazareth

John 4: 43-45

Isaiah 61 Good news for the oppressed

Isaiah 53 Description of Jesus

Discussion Questions

1. What stuck out to you about today's episode? What connected with you personally?
2. Did you have any questions about what happened? Anything we need to clarify?
3. What Jewish holidays are you aware of? What is the significance of Rosh Hashanah?
4. Consider what it might have been like to be friends with Jesus as a child and witness Him preach as an adult.
5. What was the significance of the history of what Joseph passed down to Jesus?
6. Imagine you were attending Jesus' synagogue and heard him declare that this prophecy was fulfilled. How do you think you would feel? What questions would you have?

7. Did you notice the parts of the prophecy that Jesus didn't read? Why do you think he choose to leave those parts out?
8. After Jesus declares that he is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, some of those listening question how the son of a carpenter like Joseph could really be God's anointed one. Jesus anticipates that they will want him to prove himself by performing the same miracles among them that he did elsewhere. In response, he reminds them of a couple stories in the Old Testament. What's the point he's making based on these stories?
9. What Jesus says makes the crowd very angry - why?
10. How was Jesus' understanding of God's kingdom at odds with the understanding of the Jews in his day? How did he view Gentiles (non-Jews) differently?
11. Can you relate at all to the Jews that were angered by Jesus? How so?
12. When the Son of God became human, he voluntarily took on some the limitations and weaknesses of humanity (while remaining free from sin). For example, Jesus was limited by the need to sleep just like the rest of us. What are some ways that Episode 3 highlighted the physical and mental limitations that Jesus underwent?
13. Because he was a human with his physical and mental limitations, Jesus depended on others to meet his needs and teach him. What are some ways that Episode 3 showed Jesus learning from and depending on others?
14. Would it be easier or more difficult to believe in Jesus if you had seen his limitations as a child and watched him learn and grow? Why?
15. What moments of humor did you see in this episode?

For Reflection

16. Do you find comfort in knowing that Jesus can sympathize with human weaknesses and limitations? How so?
17. During Jesus' dispute in the synagogue, he tells the people that they must become brokenhearted and desperate for salvation. Why is it important for us to be aware of our own weaknesses and limitations? What happens if we're unwilling to face our own weaknesses?
18. If we want to be like Jesus, we need to be willing to sympathize with the weaknesses of others and voluntarily limit our own rights and power. Can you think of a person or situation where God is calling you to sympathize with the weaknesses of others?
19. To care for others well, how will you need to limit your own rights and power?