

The Chosen Season 3

Discussion and Reflection Guide

Episode 6 – Intensity in Tent City This episode starts out with Pilate’s wife having a dream about a snake. Pontius Pilate is starting to crack down on the followers of Jesus in attempt to scatter them. This coincides with the Pharisees also taking note of Jesus’ actions and starting their own confrontations during healings. This is intensified when messengers from John the Baptist ask Jesus if he is truly the one they have been waiting for in front of the crowds and the Pharisees. This episode has several subplots going and we get the sense that they are all building towards something bigger.

Scriptural Basis

Isaiah 35

Matthew 7

Matthew 27:19 Pilate’s wife warns him not to get involved with Jesus

Matthew 16:20 Jesus tells people not to tell others of his works

Luke 8:1-3 The women supporting Jesus through their own means

Luke 7:18-35 Jesus heals and is asked a question from John the Baptist’s disciples

Discussion Questions

1. What stuck out to you about the episode? What did you connect with the most? Favorite scene?
2. Did you have any questions? Was anything unclear?
3. What did you think of the opening scene - the snake in the dream?
4. In what ways are we seeing the intensity and anxiety build?
5. What did you think about the interaction between Gaius and Quintus?
6. Perhaps the most significant thing about the exchange between Jesus and the disciples of John the Baptist is that it's in public view and seen by a wide range of people. Why do you think the disciples of John were so hesitant about delivering their message to Jesus in public? What are they worried about?
7. Make a list of those who were present during the exchange between Jesus and the disciples of John and the speech that followed.
8. As the Zealot assassins listened to Jesus and watched him perform miracles, what do you think was going through their heads? How did they react?

9. As Gaius listened to Jesus and watched him perform miracles, what do you think was going through his head? How did he react?
10. As Barnaby listened to Jesus and watched him perform miracles, what do you think was going through his head? How did he react?
11. As the local Rabbi Akiva listened to Jesus, what do you think was going through his head? How did he react?
12. Can you think of some moments when you've seen people have radically different responses to the exact same story, sermon, or truth about Jesus? Why do you think we have radically different responses to Jesus? How should we respond when people react to Jesus in a negative way?
13. The tension that's been building between Simon & Eden, Tamar & Mary, and Simon Z and the Zealot assassins finally reaches a boiling point. How do each of these story lines move toward resolution in this episode?
14. How do the attitudes of the Roman rulers towards tent cities reflect today's attitudes towards homeless tent cities? What are the similarities and differences?
15. The topic of vision and blindness comes up multiple times throughout this episode. Sometimes, literal vision/blindness is portrayed, sometimes as a metaphor when characters have their eyes opened in a spiritual or metaphorical sense. Make a list of the many of references to literal, spiritual or metaphorical blindness in this episode. How are these healed? How do you see these instances of blindness impeding the growth in faith?

**I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.**

**I arise today
Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.**

**I arise today
Through the strength of the love of cherubim,
In the obedience of angels,
In the service of archangels,
In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,
In the prayers of patriarchs,
In the predictions of prophets,
In the preaching of apostles,
In the faith of confessors,
In the innocence of holy virgins,
In the deeds of righteous men.**

**I arise today, through
The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun,
The radiance of the moon,
The splendor of fire,
The speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth,
The firmness of rock.**

**I arise today, through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me**

From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and near.

I summon today
All these powers between me and those evils,
Against every cruel and merciless power
that may oppose my body and soul,
Against incantations of false prophets,
Against black laws of pagandom,
Against false laws of heretics,
Against craft of idolatry,
Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards,
Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul;
Christ to shield me today
Against poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against wounding,
So that there may come to me an abundance of reward.

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

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