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Episode 1

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The Story of Jesus: For Us

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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Isaiah 43:1
- Mark 16:9
- Luke 8:1-3
- John 3:1

CHARACTERS

Nicodemus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, Peter & Andrew

The Bigger Questions:

What is your one BIG question from this episode?

What captured your imagination most, and what would you ask God about the events portrayed?

Think on these things:

What quote from this episode was the most meaningful/impactful to you? Why?

Quick Summary

We are introduced to Mary Magdalene & a few of the disciples, getting to know who they are before meeting Jesus.

The Pharisee Nicodemus attempts to exorcise a demon-possessed woman in Capernaum's Red Quarter named "Lilith" but is unsuccessful, causing him to question his faith.

The brothers Simon and Andrew, who are fishermen, struggle with their tax and gambling debts.

Following a failed suicide attempt, "Lilith" returns to her father, who is unable to help. As she is leaving, she encounters Jesus Christ, who identifies himself as the Creator of humanity and calls her by her true name

Mary Magdalene.

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QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

- What did you think of how Matthew the tax collector and Simon Peter were portrayed?
- What did you think about how enticing wealth was for Matthew and yet how hated he was for his willingness to work for Rome and extort his fellow Jews?
- What were your impressions of Nicodemus and his helplessness before the demon-possessed Lilith/Mary Magdalene?
- We are being shown each character's "before Jesus" life. What does an encounter with Jesus do to people? What do you think an encounter with Jesus looks like today? How can an encounter with Jesus change you?
- What parts of your "before" has God redeemed and which are you most grateful for?
- How does "I have called you by name, you are mine" impact you today?

Quotable Quotes

"What do we do when we are scared? We say the words ... Adonai's words from the prophet Isaiah: 'Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine."" (as a child- Mary Magdalene and her father)

"What if it's more beautiful and strange than we could ever imagine?" (Nicodemus)

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