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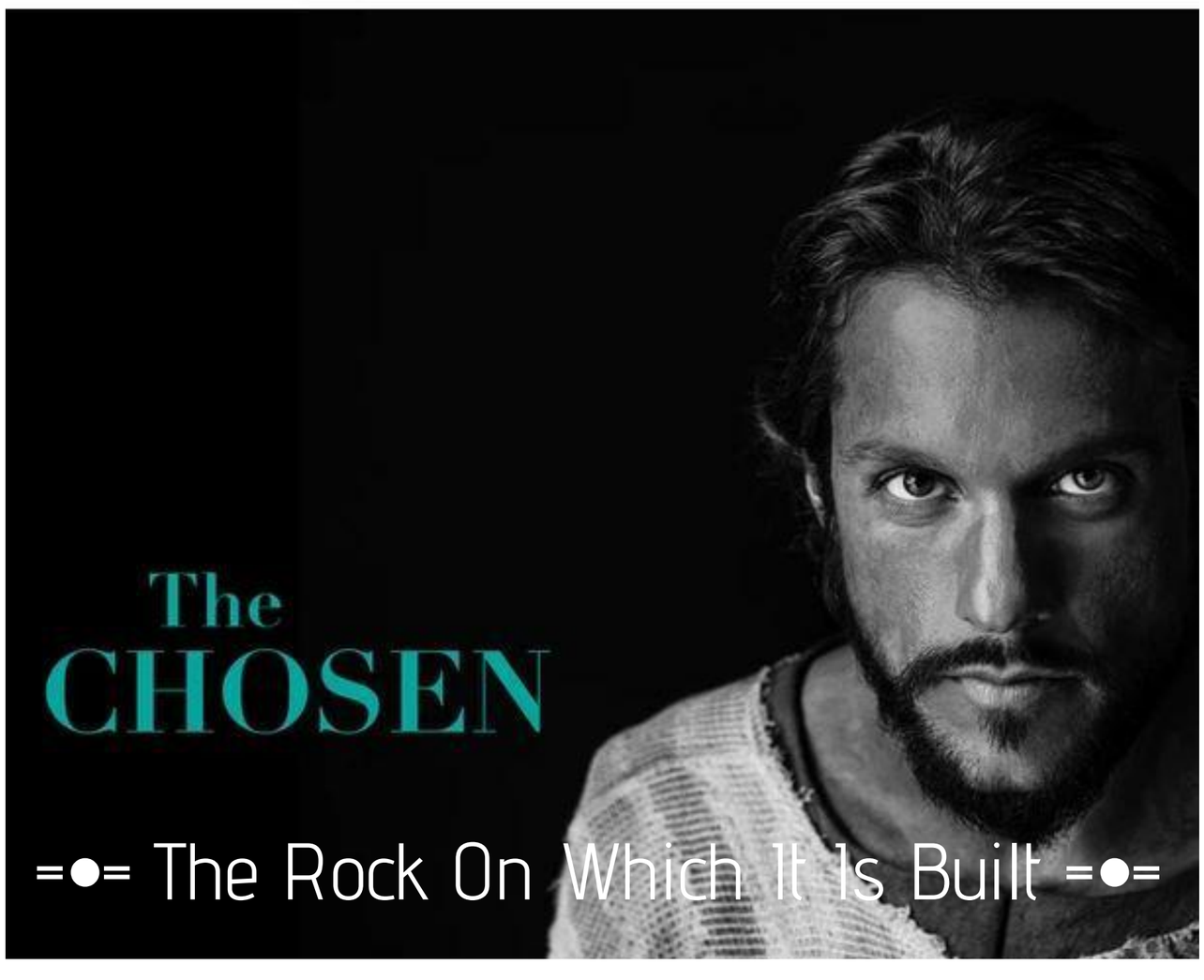
THE CHOSEN - STUDY PROGRAM

Episode 4



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The Story of Jesus: For Us

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SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

- Matthew 13:47-52, Matthew 4:18-22, Matthew 3:1-7
- Luke 8:10, Luke 5:1-11
- John 1:29-34

CHARACTERS

Jesus, Matthew, James & John, Andrew & Simon Peter, Nicodemus, John the Baptist, Joseph of Arimathea, Zebedee

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:

“Where is your faith?” Eden asked.
Simon had not even realize how bitter and jaded he had become.
This happens so easily and is such a relevant message for today.

Quick Summary

During this hour we see Jesus teach about what it means to be fishers of men - and trust that God will take care of us.
In this emotional episode some fishermen, who can't pay the heavy Roman taxes, are at the end of their ropes. Business is abysmal; an attempted deal with officials has gone badly, and they know that prison is imminent. They need a miracle--and then they encounter an itinerant teacher. He tells them He will redefine their careers: they will catch no more fish, but men.

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QUESTIONS FOR YOU & GROUP

- Jesus provided for Simon's physical need - but the miracle was more than that. He changed Simon's mindset, called him to something more! Not to riches, but to spreading the good news for the sake of others' souls. What soul work have we been called to?
- John the Baptist was considered a heretic, and crazy. If the religious leaders of Jesus' day were constantly missing the point - is it possible that we are missing some of the main points in our evangelical Christian culture?
- Share a moment in your life where the miracle of the fish has metaphorically happened for you. When you've thought there was absolutely no way that something would work, but God made it happen.
- What else has been revealed about Matthew's character? What do you think about the portrayal of him seeing Jesus at the lake?
- Why did Nicodemus want to know if John had performed miracles? What did he suspect?
- How did it feel to see Zebedee encourage his sons to follow Jesus? Who encouraged you?

Quotable Quotes

(Eden to Simon Peter) "Where is your faith?"
(Simon Peter) "Faith isn't going to get me more fish."
(Eden) "You have not pursued the Lord lately. You're off to try to fix it again... No more talking. Maybe God can get your attention now."

"People bark sometimes too"
(Matthew speaking to his dog)

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