

The Chosen - [Season 2 Episode 5](#) SPIRIT (0:48)

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Episode Summary: After stirring the water, Jesus is now pursued by Simon the Zealot, Atticus, and Shmuel. John the Baptizer visits the group and tells Jesus his dangerous mission. Meanwhile, back at the camp, Mary Magdalene is devastated by an encounter with a mysterious and dangerous stranger.

<p>RECOGNIZE: Discussing Scripture in The Chosen</p>	<p>In a previous episode, the women and Matthew seek to learn something of the scripture and are given the verse, “If I ascend to heaven, you are there, if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.” (Psalm 139:8) This is the verse Mary Magdalene is memorizing when she becomes frightened. <i>Feel free to select any below question(s) to address:</i> How is she affected by this and other worrying events of the episode? How does this verse directly address fear? Can you think of times when you’ve reacted to something worrying or frightening--what did you do? What would you do differently next time and why?</p>
<p>READ BETWEEN THE LINES: Discussing Backstories and Unrecorded Events in The Chosen</p>	<p>In the Gospels, the two interactions we see between John the Baptist and Jesus are prior to their birth (John jumping in the womb) and the Baptism of Jesus. This episode shows more interaction and connection between the two of them. John the Baptist: “It’s becoming real, isn’t it? Everything we’ve prepared for... I mean, it’s always been real, but it’s one thing to preach about it, to hear my abba’s prophecy growing up, and your eema’s song, but it’s heavy when it becomes real, no? Do you feel ready?” <i>Feel free to select any below question(s) to address:</i> What strikes you most from the words of John the Baptist above? Consider his father’s prophecy (Luke 1:11-17) or Mary’s song (Luke 1:46-55). What would it have meant to grow up hearing that? In what sense would it be heavy?</p>
<p>REFLECT: Discussing Opportunities for Self-Reflection in The Chosen</p>	<p>The episodes seem to be having more and more references to coming events. Choose one of the following quotations and relate it both to Gospel events and what it means to be a follower of Jesus today.</p> <p>a) Jesus to John the Baptist: “I understand that it is against the law of Moses but I’m here for bigger purposes than the breaking of rules.” b) Jesus to Simon the Zealot: “Show me your weapon. *Throws it in the water* Didn’t see that coming?” c) John the Baptist to Jesus: “Soon? Such a strange word, soon. Could mean anything.”</p>