

The Chosen ---Season 2, Episode #1 LCR, Marion

From Season 1, episode 8...

James: Rabbi, they're Samaritans.

Jesus: Good observation Big James. What's your point?

James: Rabbi, these are the people who profaned our temple with the dead bones, they hate us.

John: They fought against us with the Seleucids in the Maccabean wars. I've never even spoken to a Samaritan.

Jesus: And we destroyed their temple a hundred years ago. And none of you here were present for any of these things. Listen, if we are going to have a question and answer session every time we do something you're not used to, it's going to be a very annoying time together for all of us.

John 4.19-26 ¹⁹ *The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you^[c] say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."* ²¹ *Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."* ²⁵ *The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."* ²⁶ *Jesus said to her, "I am he,^[d] the one who is speaking to you."*



What surprises you about this episode? What do you find interesting? What questions do you have about the events portrayed in this episode? Did anything make you think differently about Jesus?



1. In this episode Jesus tells Kafni, “I ask a lot of those who follow me, but I ask little of those who do not.” What do you believe Jesus means by this? What is it that Jesus will ask James and John to do?

2. The Disciples “Lost” Jesus and became instantly worried. They desperately try to find him, over and over again. And yet, he seems in the movie to purposely ‘leave’ them at times. What do you make of this? Was the director trying to hint at something? If you connect this to the parable of the lost sheep—leaving the 99—does it suggest something? Has there ever been a moment in your life when you feel like you’re lost, or have lost Jesus? What did you make of Jesus matter of fact answer to the disciples: “Seek and you shall find?”

3. Plans! There was a subtheme of the disciples wanting to make a plan, wanting an agenda. Even Thomas and Ramah are shown consulting a map as they try to find Jesus. Do you think the director was trying to say something about our need for plans and how it is that God works in life? Is having a plan a good thing or a hindrance. Would you like James and John want a clear agenda to follow?

4. In this episode the ‘parable of the good Samaritan’ is told through the perspective of the robber. Did you like this technic or did you find it took away from the parable itself. Why do you think the directors decided to present this parable from a first person/adversary perspective? Was it helpful? Did it help tie in the rest of the episode?

