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Part of Chosen

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Select the spiritual gifts assessment in the middle, then a page will appear asking you to launch the assessment. You'll register and then begin. I will take about 15 minutes and answer questions not as you "think" they should be answered, but rather how it most accurately describes you right now.

This is our fifth message in the series "Chosen" - a series coinciding with our Life Group study on the Angel Studios televised production on the life of Jesus Christ.

Disclaimer from Pastor Chad:

This series is loosely based on the study we're doing on Sunday evenings - but it's meant to dive deeper and cover additional details, building on what we learn together on Sunday evenings. The televised production is Biblically correct but as you realize when you read Scripture - there are skips and jumps, I hate to call it holes, but if you were watching a show with an accurate timeline, there'd be some blank screens in between clips. The writer of The Chosen took what's called artistic license to fill in the gaps yet paid great attention to honor Christ when he added plausible details about the lives of the characters. He added backstories to well known characters and fleshed out other characters who might receive only a passing mention in Scripture. The intended result is for viewers to see the people in the Bible as real people who dealt with the same types of issues we all deal with. For instance, the disciples have family and friends, they have reputations to uphold, they have a sense of humor, and they struggle just like we do. The writer put together a panel of

expert consultants to ensure biblical and historical accuracy in the script. His goal is to help people know Jesus better and love Scripture more!

Scripture

John 3:1-21 (NIV)

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.

2 He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

3 In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

4 “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!”

5 Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

7 You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’

8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

9 “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

10 “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?

11 I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.

12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?

13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

but to save the world through him.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

Matthew 9:9-13 (NLT)

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.

10 Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners.

11 But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

12 When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do."

13 Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

Cf. Matthew 23