

# THE CHOSEN

## Season One | Episode Eight

In the final episode of Season One, Jesus dines with tax collectors and sinners at Matthew's house. Peter's mother-in-law has been suffering from a deadly fever but is miraculously healed, and Nicodemus is torn between revelation and his own reality, choosing to walk away in agonizing regret. Meanwhile, Jesus is put on Quintas' "most wanted" list and is causing equal unrest for the Pharisee Shmuel, who is ready to devote his life to tearing Jesus down. As Jesus and His followers detour into dreaded Samaria, Jesus has an appointment of destiny and redemption with a woman who has been rejected and discarded.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1** "You came so close." A heartbreaking statement from Jesus at the moment when Nicodemus ultimately decides not to accept Christ's invitation to follow Him. What are some of the personal reasons we cling to that might hinder us from accepting Jesus' offer of discipleship? How do we overcome those reasons?
- 2** As they prepare to detour through Samaria, Christ's followers begin to raise their objections. Jesus responds, "If we're 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. So follow me." As modern disciples, what are practices we can do daily to prepare our own hearts for obedience?
- 3** At Jacob's well, Photima cries, "I'm rejected by others." Jesus replies, "I know, but not by the Messiah." As you watch this scene unfold, what kinds of barriers did Jesus need to break down to bring mercy and compassion to the woman at the well? Are there barriers that exist in our context today that require our willingness to overcome for ministry as well?