

THE CHOSEN

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In Episode Two, we see Mary Magdalene completely restored and living in freedom. She has abandoned her old identity to embrace a new way and even hosts her own Shabbat (or Sabbath) dinner which introduces us to two more of Christ's disciples. Mary's transformation has also come to the attention of the Pharisees, including Nicodemus whose curiosity for Jesus is developing. We also see tensions between Simon Peter, his Jewish brothers, and Matthew specifically begin to bubble up as the Roman Praetor, Quintas, tightens his grip on the region through backroom deals and manipulation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1** "I was one way. And now I am completely different. And the thing that happened in between was Him." A powerful truth from Mary Magdalene! Have there been moments in your life where you've come to the same conclusion as Mary?
- 2** Mary's Shabbat dinner is humble, lacks polish, and brings people to the table who others have ignored. Yet it's the dinner Jesus chooses to attend. What lessons can be learned from that scene to help us become more like Christ in our own lives?
- 3** The presence of Jesus turns homes into holy places, dinner tables into discipleship spaces, and ordinary moments into miraculous ones. Is there anything "ordinary" in your life that, if yielded to Jesus, could become the same redemptive and mercy-filled moment in and for your neighborhood?