



The Chosen

Season 4, Episode 1

Promises

Flashback: Before his birth, Jesus' mother, Mary, visits her cousin Elizabeth who is pregnant with John the Baptist.

At Herod's palace, Salome (Herod's stepdaughter) demands the head of John the Baptist at the behest of her mother, Herodia. Herod agrees, and John is beheaded. Joanna learns of the Baptizer's fate and rushes to tell the disciples in Capernaum. Judas and Simon Z wash their clothes at the river and debate the value of humility among the disciples. Rehma and Thomas discuss alternative wedding plan after Kaphni denies permission for them to wed.

Key Themes

Cost of Following/Ministry, Death and Legacy, Preparation for Darker Times

Discussion Questions

1. Which character's reaction to the growing tension in this episode did you relate to the most, and why?
2. How do you respond when faith collides with the everyday difficulties of life?
3. The episode highlights the cost of discipleship. What is one "personal comfort" or belief you would find difficult to sacrifice if called upon?
4. If you could ask Jesus one question based on the events of this episode, what would it be?

Scriptures and Texts

- Luke 1:5-25 – Elizabeth on the birth of John the Baptist
- John 3:25-29 – John the Baptist describes his role in the Jesus' ministry.

What Comes Next

Season 4, Episode 2
Moon to Blood

In the next episode, we see role changes, reconciling of differences, and warnings to Jesus from those who care.