



The Chosen

Season 4, Episode 5

Sitting, Serving, Scheming

Disciples are met on the road by a rider with a gift from Joanna to support Jesus' ministry. On the open road, soldiers on the road force them to carry their gear and they must comply. They stay at the house of Lazarus, Martha, and Mary in Bethany. Judas visits an old associate and confides his frustrations in the progress of Jesus' ministry. Back at Lazarus' house, Judas transfers coins from the general fund to his own purse.

Key Themes

Sacrifice over practicality, the ways of Mary-vs-Martha, the cost of following/discipleship, the humanity of Jesus, Conflict and temptation, Trust and humility

Discussion Questions

1. When Jesus calls us to go the extra mile, he's often asking us to abandon our need for justice or personal comfort. What is the most "impractical" or "unnatural" command of Jesus you have struggled with?
2. We all have moments of being the distracted Martha. How does this episode challenge your tendency to prioritize "doing" for God over "being" with Him?
3. The disciples, while struggling, keep walking with Jesus despite their confusion. What keeps you following Jesus when his path feels counterproductive or uncertain?

Scriptures and Texts

- Matthew 5:41 – Going the extra mile.
- Matthew 20-16 – Parable of the laborers in the vineyard.

What Comes Next

Season 4, Episode 6

Dedication

Celebration lifts spirits, but bad news and escalating turbulence soon come.