



The Chosen

Season 4, Episode 6

Dedication

Flash forward – a few days: The apostles burst into the empty dining room carrying James who has a head injury. They lay him on the table.

Disciples celebrate Feast of the Dedication at their lodging. Matthew finds money missing from the general fund. He asks Judas about it, and Judas becomes defensive. Yusif seeks a seat in the Sanhedrin with his father's support. A message arrives for Jesus: Lazarus is very sick. Jairus warns Zebedee of a plot to kill Jesus in Jerusalem and Zeb carries it to Jesus. When Jesus begins preaching in Jerusalem, a crowd attacked and James is injured. Word arrives that Lazarus has died.

Key Themes

Sacrifice and dedication, impending doom in Jerusalem, the "Good Shepherd" teachings, interpersonal dynamics and grief, Judas' descent, Hannukah context

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus urges followers to know his voice amid noise. How do you distinguish God's voice from your own fears or societal expectations in your daily life?
2. Jesus tells Mary Magdalene, "Because you've been listening". How does truly listening to God lead to a deeper, sometimes more painful, understanding of the world?
3. As Jesus faces increased danger during the Feast of Dedication, how do you handle situations where following your faith might put you at risk of ridicule or loss?

Scriptures and Texts

- John 10 – Good Shepherd speech on last day of Hannukah.
- Psalm 118 – Prayed by the disciples on the seventh night of feasting.

What Comes Next

Season 4, Episode 7

The Last Sign

The community mourns in Bethany. Word spreads of Jesus' last public sign.