



The Chosen

Season 4, Episode 7

The Last Sign

Flash Forward – mid-first century AD – An aged Matthew visits Mary Magdalene living with a protective companion in hill country. He shares with her the final Gospel of Matthew, and she shares her writings stemming from her dreams.

Jesus and disciples travel to Lazarus' home in Bethany where family and friends are mourning. Mary approaches Jesus asking "Why didn't you come?" Jesus answers her by leading the crowd to the tomb and raising Lazarus from the dead. Word spreads through the region quickly. Jesus to Lazarus: "I'm out of time. This is the last sign." The Sanhedrin priests are told of the miracle. Mary takes money from her family safe.

Key Themes

Resurrection of Lazarus, Jesus' humanity and grief, divine versus human perspective, the inevitability of the Passion

Discussion Questions

1. Mary asks Jesus, "Why didn't you come?" shows her pain and confusion. What do you say to someone who wonders why God let their loved one die?
2. The fear and greed of the Sanhedrin and political leaders seal Jesus' fate. Have you ever been treated differently or suffered ridicule or shunning by "unbelievers" when they learn of your faith? How did you (or would you) handle that?

Scriptures and Texts

- John 11:45-57 – The plot to kill Jesus.
- Matthew 25:31-46 – The sheep and goat teaching.
- Matthew 21:1-7 – Jesus' Triumphal entry into Jerusalem

What Comes Next

Season 4, Episode 8

Humble

Tension mounts. Disciples still struggle with Jesus' teaching. The way is prepared.