



The Chosen

Season 4, Episode 8

Humble

Flash Back – about 940BC – Just before Passover: King David on horseback enters the gate of Jerusalem greeted by throngs of cheering people who shower him with rose petals and palm fronds. Then, arriving home, he talks to his son, Daniel, about Passover and also shows him a bridle.

Crowds gather for Passover at Jerusalem's temple and at the east gate having heard that Jesus is coming. Lazarus' sister, Mary, buys expensive aromatic oil. Leaders from Pilate's palace to the Sanhedrin discuss Jesus raising Lazarus. Jesus, disciples dine at Lazarus' home where Schmuel and Yusuf arrive to warn Jesus of danger in Jerusalem. Schmuel and Jesus debate the prophecies. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with her oil and wipes it with her hair to the dismay of Schmuel and Judas. Outside of Jerusalem, Matthew and SimonZ gather a colt from nearby village for Jesus. SimonZ preps the colt with Jesus's bridle. Jesus and disciples prepare to enter Jerusalem.

Key Themes

Trumphal entry & fulfillment, lavish devotion & sacrifice, cost of following Jesus, the Sanhedrin's plot, humility in leadership

Discussion Questions

1. Mary's act of anointing Jesus' feet with expensive oil is a major contrast to the greed and fear of the leaders. What in your life feels like "too much" to give to God?
2. Similar to the disciples, do you believe in leaving room for unanswered questions in your faith practice? How do you handle moments of confusion or when God seems to not make sense?
3. With the plot moving quickly toward the crucifixion, how does witnessing this journey challenge your desire to trust God even when the path is scary or unclear?

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' Trumphal entry into Jerusalem