



# The Chosen

Season 5, Episode 1

## Entry

*Pre-Intro Flash Forward: During part of the Last Supper in the Upper Room, Jesus comforts his disciples about his impending departure and declares that he has overcome the world. The disciples sing Psalm 118.*

This episode centers around Palm Sunday and the escalating tensions of Holy Week, tracking three primary threads: Jesus' triumphal entry and temple teaching, disciples' expectations and confusion, and opposition and political intrigue.

## Key Themes

Expectation vs. Reality and Divine Sovereignty

## Discussion Questions

1. The crowd hopes Jesus will “fix” the politics of their world while Jesus focuses on spiritual rescue. When life feels overwhelming or difficult and you turn to God, how does your faith respond when His path looks different than you expected?
2. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem because the people do not recognize the peace being offered to them. How do you personally handle grief or a deep sense of heaviness over the brokenness in the world or in your own community?
3. Jesus laments that Jerusalem did not recognize God’s visitation right in front of them. What are some subtle ways God may have been "visiting" or working in your life that you might have missed?

## Scriptures and Texts

- **John 16:16 – 17:5:** The Upper Room discourse
- **Zechariah 9:9:** The prophecy of the Messiah entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey.
- **Psalm 118:25-26:** The crowds chanting and singing "Hosanna to the Son of David" during the Triumphal Entry.
- **Luke 19:39-40:** Jesus confronting the Pharisees who ask Him to silence His followers, responding that the stones would cry out.

## What Comes Next

Season 5, Episode 2

### House of Cards

Jesus cleanses the Jerusalem Temple. The disciples preach publicly and reach out to Gentile converts. Caiaphas attempts to balance Rome, the Sanhedrin, and the people of Jerusalem.