



The Chosen

Season 5, Episode 8

The Upper Room – Part 2

Pre-Intro Flash Forward: Breaking from the Last Supper sequence, this cold open flashes back to Thaddeus walking in Jerusalem to the Upper Room and his black-and-white memory of first meeting Jesus in Bethsaida where they work together and where Jesus invites him to follow his ministry. This episode, an intense season finale, begins in the Upper Room as the Passover meal ends with communion, and the disciples depart to follow Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane. The disciples wait and watch as Jesus enters the garden alone, and he experiences agony and visions as he prays. Judas arrives at the Garden with guards and seals his betrayal of Jesus with a kiss.

Key Themes

Breaking of Bread and Fellowship, Agony of Submission, Human Frailty vs. Divine Purpose

Discussion Questions

1. In Gethsemane, Jesus heavily wrestles with what lies ahead. While he prays for the "cup" to pass, he passionately surrenders His fears by praying, *"Not My will, but Yours be done"*. *How do you handle your feelings when God asks you to suffer sacrifice, pain, or unfair circumstances? Can you talk to God about your dread and fear but still surrender the outcome to Him?*
2. Jesus warns his closest disciples as they stand watch that the spirit may be willing, but the flesh is weak. *Are there areas of your spiritual life where you have grown complacent? When challenged, do you tend to give in or lean into prayer to stay spiritually vigilant?*
3. Jesus' vision of Ezekiel's valley of dry bones offers a solid reminder from God that, even through destruction and death, comes resurrection, restoration, and victory. When your family, life, or community appears broke, do you despair or can you trust in God's healing power?

Scriptures and Texts

- **Matthew 26:36-46 / Mark 14:32-42:** Jesus suffering in deep agony and praying in the Garden of Gethsemane while the disciples repeatedly fall asleep.
- **Ezekiel 37:1-14:** The vision of the Valley of Dry Bones, interwoven symbolically during Jesus' spiritual warfare in the garden.
- **Matthew 26:47-56 / John 18:1-11:** Judas arriving with the armed crowd to betray Jesus with a kiss, leading directly to His arrest

What Comes Next

Thank you for joining us for Season 5.
Season 6 of the Chosen is expected to be available in 2027.
Stay tuned for details as they become available.