

**The Chosen Episode Five:
YOU ARE A WITNESS**

Quick Summary:

In this episode, we see a flashback of Jesus as a child, and his mother calling him into his time of ministry at a family wedding. The miracle of turning water into wine. Again, I enjoyed seeing Jesus in a different context than my mind would have imagined him.

Read for Bible Study:

John 2: 1-11 (Jesus turns water to wine),

Luke 2: 41-52 (The boy Jesus at the temple)

The Chosen Discussion Questions:

1. What are your main priorities in life? Meaning, what things do you spend the most time and energy pursuing? (No Sunday school answers, please – just honest ones.)

2. Ten times Pharaoh refused to free the Israelites. So ten times God unleashed plagues upon the land (Exodus 7-11). How was Pharaoh blind yet had eyes and deaf yet had ears (Isaiah 43:8)?

3. In Isaiah 43:8-10, God challenged the people to produce anyone who could prophesy and then He pointed to the Israelites and said, “You are my witnesses” because they had experienced His power to prophesy and bring about and conquer and control. In your opinion, what kind of responsibility comes with that kind of knowledge?

4. In ancient times, people worshipped gods made out of “wood and stone, the work of human hands” (Deut. 4:28) as well as people like Pharaoh who made divine claims (though they could not back them up). While times and culture have changed, what and who do we worship now instead of the one true God?

5. The first four books of the New Testament are first century accounts of Jesus’s three year ministry written by guys who were alive at the time. How does knowing that change the way you read them?

6. To be a witness is “to see, hear, or know through personal experience”. Describe your personal experience with Jesus and use this moment to testify to your heart about what He’s done for you.

7. The conversation between John the Baptist and Nicodemus in this episode dramatizes Nicodemus’s curiosity. He’s been seeing things that don’t make sense and sincerely investigating. Read Proverbs 30:4 (the verse John quotes in response to Nicodemus).and answer the questions the curious Pharisee couldn’t. Who has ascended to heaven and come down?

8. Even in his search for the truth, Nicodemus remained resistant to it. What are some factors that cause people to resist? In what areas of your life and to what degree are you resisting?

9. Read John 10:30-33, 37-39. In spite of the miraculous signs Jesus was doing, some people just didn’t believe – some even hated Him. How does knowing Jesus experienced both positive and negative reactions impact your willingness to be a witness for Him?

10. Toward the end of the episode Jesus says to Thomas, “Come with Me and I’ll show you a new way to count and measure. A different way to see time”. What does that mean, and how does it impact your priorities?

Prayer Focus

Give thanks to God for the Bible, our written record of history and the testimony of His actions in the world. Give thanks for His intervention in your life and in the lives of those around you. Give thanks for Jesus, God’s only Son, who was willing to exercise God’s power and love on earth – not for His sake but for ours. Ask God for courage and opportunities to tell others what you’ve come to know, believe, and understand about Him.