

The CHOSEN - Season 5 - Episode 1 - Study Guide

Main Passage: John 12:23-28

Study Guide Overview

The season opener for The Chosen Season 5 sets the stage for what is to come. While there are moments of levity, the overall tone is more somber than previous seasons as the main reason for Jesus coming to earth is rapidly approaching. The disciples are both confused and saddened as they begin to realize that Jesus' death is imminent and that He will not be removing Rome as Jerusalem's occupier. Through His death, Jesus would be defeating the Jew's and all humanity's real enemy. Christians using this guide will find a fresh respect for the weight of the historical events of these days in Christ's life as well as their implications today.

Group Conversation Starter

Have you ever been homesick? Who or what did you miss the most?

Bible Passages

John 16:31-33

31 Jesus asked, "Do you finally believe?"

32 But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me.

33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

John 12:23-28

23 Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory.

24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.

25 Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.



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26 Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.

27 "Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, 'Father, save me from this hour'? But this is the very reason I came!

28 Father, bring glory to your name." Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, "I have already brought glory to my name, and I will do so again."

Luke 19:42-44

42 "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes.

43 Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side.

44 They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you.

Questions and Next Steps Below



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Group Discussion Questions

1. How can Christians find peace and joy in Jesus during troubled times? What does Jesus overcoming the world have to do with how Christians respond to sorrow? (John 16:31-33)
2. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem the crowds were excited to welcome Him because they'd heard about His miracles. What do you think they were hoping He would "fix?" What did they, and all people, really need Jesus to fix?
3. When Jesus began speaking about His death, how do you think the disciples felt after having given up their lives and reputations for the last 3 years? How do you think you would have felt? (John 12:23-28)
4. In the episode, Jesus sees the coming fall of Jerusalem that happened in 70 AD. Why do you think He was so heartbroken? Why do you think God let this happen?
5. Jesus wept because the people of Jerusalem did not recognize it when God visited them (Luke 19:44). What do you think were some of the things that caused the people to not recognize or not believe that God was visiting Jerusalem through Jesus Christ?

Personal Next Steps

- **Self-Check**
 - Are you letting the truth that Jesus overcame the world bring you joy today? If not, what is robbing you of your peace and joy? What could change this?
 - The people of Jerusalem missed God's presence when Jesus visited. Is there something causing you to miss God's presence in your day to day life?

Continuing the Conversation

Who do you know who could use the good news that Jesus has conquered the brokenness of this world?

Pray

Ask God to help you notice His presence more throughout your days.

