

The CHOSEN

Episode Study Guides | **EPISODE 7**

Key Bible Verse

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

WAIT – IS THAT IN THE BIBLE?

Did Moses make a bronze serpent in the Old Testament?

Yes, and anyone who lifted up his head to look at it on the pole was saved (Numbers 21:4-9). Jesus illustrates from this account to help Nicodemus understand his need to believe in Him (John 3:1-15).

Did Matthew leave just like that to follow Jesus?

Matthew (9:9), Mark (2:14), and Luke (5:27-28) tell us that Matthew left everything after Jesus said “Follow me.” The show helps us to imagine the drama of that moment!

Did Quintus express concern to Nicodemus about Jesus?

There is no “Quintus” in the Bible although there are centurions like him. The gospels do reveal plenty of political tension early in Jesus’ ministry (Mark 3:6), but we do not see this kind of conversation with Nicodemus.

Was Matthew rejected by his parents?

The gospels do not comment on Matthew’s parents, but the portrayal of him as a traitor is accurate to how he would have been viewed by his own people.

Was Nicodemus born again?

We don’t know for sure, but we see Nicodemus identifying with Jesus unashamedly twice later (John 7:45-52, 19:38-42).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What is one question you have about the Bible, Jesus, or other characters as a result of watching this episode?
- 2 What ideas or images come to mind when you hear the term “born again”?
- 3 In your own words, explain what Jesus meant when He said one cannot see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.
- 4 What do you think Peter was feeling when Jesus called Matthew to follow Him?
- 5 Jesus tells Peter to “get used to different.” What are some ways you have had to “get used to different” as you have grown in knowing and following Jesus?
- 6 Jesus tells Nicodemus there is a lot he would give up, but much more he would gain in following Him. What have you gained from following Christ that has been greater than what you gave up?
- 7 So far, which of the characters can you most relate with as you think about their various spiritual journeys?
- 8 Are there any ways in which your impression or understanding of Jesus was sharpened, challenged, or changed?



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