

Staple Hill Corps Easter 2026

The Chosen Season 5

During the last 4 weeks of Lent, why not make time to reflect on the Easter Story?

Each week, watch 2 episodes of The Chosen Season 5 – at any time. And if you want to reflect further then use the material in this booklet. There is also an opportunity to watch with others at the hall, if you are unable to access the programme at home. (each episode is 1 hour long)

Week 1:	8 th – 14 th March	Episodes 1 & 2
Week 2:	15 th – 21 st March	Episodes 3 & 4
Week 3:	22 nd – 28 th March	Episodes 5 & 6
Week 4:	29 th March – 4 th April	Episodes 7 & 8

Showings at the Hall (at 10am- 11am):

Tuesday 10 th March	Episode 1
Thursday 12 th March	Episode 2
Tuesday 17 th March	Episode 3
Thursday 19 th March	Episode 4
Tuesday 24 th March	Episode 5
Thursday 26 th March	Episode 6
Tuesday 31 st March	Episode 7
Thursday 2 nd April	Episode 8

The Chosen:

The Chosen is a popular historical drama about the life of Jesus, crowdfunded by millions of viewers and currently translated in 125 languages and another 240 more language translations are currently in progress.

It stays true to the gospels while filling in “between the lines” with imaginative, historically grounded storytelling. From the perspectives of the various women and men who first followed him, it features fictional dialogue, subplots, and backstories. It explores relatable themes such as the complexity of relationships, political tension and social issues using artistic interpretation in a remarkably inclusive and ecumenical way. Season 5 of The Chosen focuses on the Last Supper and Holy Week.

If you have not watched previous seasons of “The Chosen,” don’t worry, you can still participate and benefit from this activity. We hope that it will enable you to look at and experience this Easter in a new light.

How to watch:

- The Chosen App / Website: the primary, free location to watch all seasons: <https://watch.thechosen.tv/>
- The Chosen app is also available on Roku, Fire TV and Apple TV
- Amazon Prime Video UK: seasons 1-5 are available
- DVD of The Chosen season 5 available – please ask Colin, Nicola or Myriam

To download the app, search ‘The Chosen’ wherever you download apps or visit the [Chosen website \(https://watch.thechosen.tv/\)](https://watch.thechosen.tv/) . Episodes can be streamed from your phone or tablet to your TV following the directions on [The Chosen Help & FAQs](#).

Alternatively, we will be showing each episode at the hall every Tuesday & Wednesday at 10am – 11am, just turn up.

8th- 14th March: **Episode 1 – “Entry”**

Bible Study Passages for The Chosen Season 5 Episode 1

- *John 16:16-33: Jesus’ Death and Resurrection Foretold*
- *Matthew 21:1-11 or Mark 11:1-11: Jesus’ Entry into Jerusalem*
- *Zechariah 9:9-13: Prophecy of Jesus’ entry on Donkey*

The Last Supper Scene: Faith Incoming Persecution

1. During the opening scenes, Jesus is telling the apostles of his upcoming death. How did they react to this news? If you were in their situation, how do you feel you would have reacted hearing this news?
2. How do you see the characters reacting differently to the news given by Jesus throughout the episode?
3. The character portraying Jesus said, “hold onto your belief” and “I do not doubt your earnest intentions,” when encountering their resistance. Did this seem fitting as an artistic interpretation? Why?
4. Jesus begins to feel his soul stir over his upcoming death. What are ways that you have experienced this feeling in your life? How is it similar or different than what Jesus is experiencing here?

Holy Week Scene: Jesus’ Entry into Jerusalem

5. How did you feel as the disciples approached the city with all the chanting? How about when the religious leaders stopped them?
6. How is this depiction of Palm Sunday what you usually expect? How is it different from what you were anticipating?
7. Later in the episode, Jesus is seen celebrating at a wedding. This scene was not necessarily in the Bible but still played a significant role in this episode. What was the importance of this scene to the story and also to Jesus’ perspective?

Personal Reflection

There was an artistic detail of Jesus pausing, seeing blood running down a wall. What did this convey? Journal about a moment in your life when it dawned on you what “all this” means. Write a prayer of gratitude.

8th- 14th March: Episode 2 – “House of Cards”

Bible Study Passages for The Chosen Season 5 Episode 2

- *Matthew 26:31-35: Jesus predicts Peter's and other's betrayals*
- *Mark 11:15-19: Jesus clears out the temple*

The Last Supper Scene: Simon's Denial

1. Jesus begins to get pushback as the apostles misunderstand why He has to go. Do you think you would have struggled to understand or would have accepted it quickly? What makes you think this?
2. How would you process what Jesus was saying? Would you be comfortable arguing with Jesus, saying “why not stay, Rabbi?” Why?
3. What did you notice about the attention Jesus gives Peter in this interpretation? What was the artistic context of his saying, “greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends?” Why did Jesus follow with, “That’s what I will do.”

Holy Week Scene: Jesus' Cleansing of the Temple

4. Is this scene how you imagined it? How was it different than expected?
5. One disciple said, “I don't know, he's gone wild.” If you didn't know how the story ends, what would you have thought at the time?
6. Jesus clearing out the temple is an often-misunderstood piece of scripture. What led Jesus to clear out the temple? How is that similar and dissimilar to how modern-day Christians use this scripture?

Personal Reflection

Peter struggled to give a sermon in the way that Jesus did. Later (in the Bible), we see Peter as a great speaker and leader. What lessons can you take from this in your own life?

Identify one area in your life where you currently feel unsure of your abilities and commit to one small, practical step this week to strengthen that skill.

Keep a simple journal of these steps and notice how your confidence develops with consistent, intentional effort.

15th – 21st March: Episode 3 – “Woes”

Bible Study Passages for The Chosen Season 5 Episode 3

- *John 14:1-14: Jesus comforts the Disciples; Jesus the Way to the Father*
- *Mark 11:28-33; Matthew 21:23-27: The Authority of Jesus Questioned*
- *Matthew 21:33-46: The Parable of the Tenants*
- *Mark 13:1-37: Temple Destruction, Endtimes Signs, Day & Hour unknown*
- *Psalms 5: David’s Psalm*

The Last Supper Scene: The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1. Imagine having the last supper with Jesus when He is first describing the Holy Spirit. Notice the artistic storytelling in the disciple’s objection, “He? Another person? We only want you!” What would be your initial reactions? How difficult would this be to understand, without a defined doctrine of the Trinity?
2. Hearing of Jesus’ death, Peter retorts “belief is not my problem .. why can I not follow you now?” In what ways do you identify with this question?

Holy Week Scene: Jesus’ Woes to the Scribes and Pharisees

3. This episode deals with the fallout of the clearing of the temple. How are people’s reactions different? Whose response did you relate to the most?
4. There’s an artistic bridge between the Great Commandment & the woes against Pharisees with a comment. “You would never know it, the way they require so much of us.” In what ways does the Great Commandment connect with & critique “works of righteousness” in religion even today?
5. Did Jesus go too far in the storyteller’s interpretation of these events? What does this extreme confrontation expose about their self-righteousness? About ours?
6. Jesus’ vision of David singing a psalm, comforts him. What does this tell us about Jesus? Have you had similar experiences in your life?

Personal Reflection

Draw a heart in your notebook or journal with the words “love God” and “love neighbour” inside. Outside the heart, quickly write a number of activities of your Christian practice. Ponder a bit. Which of them express love of God and neighbour? Which of them are about something else?

15th – 21st March: **Episode 4 – “The Same Coin”**

Bible Study Passages for The Chosen Season 5 Episode 4

- *John 13:18-30: Jesus Predicts His Betrayal*
- *John 13: 34-36: The New Commandment*
- *Matthew 21:18-22: Jesus Curses a Fig Tree*

The Last Supper Scene: Simon’s Betrayal and the Love Commandment

1. Have you ever taken part in a Passover Seder - what was that like?
2. Jesus and Judas have a conversation about Judas’ upcoming betrayal. What was the conflict that pushed Judas away from Jesus?
3. What does Judas forget/fail to remember about Jesus, God, and past acts of redemption? How is this “forgetting” related to his bad attitude?
4. Judas says, “If I am no use in your kingdom, then I am nothing,” revealing his belief that a person’s value depends on their usefulness or performance. Have you ever found yourself thinking this way in your life or church—feeling as though your worth was tied to what you do rather than who you are? What can you do to reframe this thinking?

Holy Week Scene: The Dayenu Song - “It Would Have Been Enough”

5. In the imaginative conversation with Jesus & women who followed him, he says, "I'm not asking you to be okay with it, but I am asking you to keep your distance." What do you think the writers were suggesting?
6. The episode begins with the disciples reciting the Dayenu, an ancient Jewish prayer that may have been included in the Passover liturgy of Jesus’ day. What’s the purpose of this prayer? What are some of the consequences of forgetting the story of what God has done?
7. The use of the Dayenu format was a creative addition to honour Jesus’ relationship with his female followers. How did you feel as the music began & what stood out of the contrast between the 2 Dayenu scenes?

Personal Reflection

Write a Dayenu of your own with small miracles from your journey (the format is “If the Lord had done this, and not done that, it would have been enough,” with the latter becoming the first of the next stanza). Spend time poring over the lines you wrote. Feel the gratitude in this poetic form.

22nd – 28th March 2026: Episode 5 – “Because of me”

Bible Study Passages for The Chosen Season 5 Episode 5

- *Matthew 18:1-5: The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven*
- *Mark: 11:12-25: Fig Tree/Temple Clearing Comparisons*

The Last Supper Scene: The Dispute About Greatness

1. Did the depiction of anxiety over betrayal, mixed with side conversations about who was the greatest, make the story feel more relatable? If so, what struck a chord in you?
2. The Jesus character said, "Some of what I'm saying is for today, some is for tomorrow, and some is for the distant future." How are we doing, in the distant future (from their perspective), in “sorting out” the mysteries of the kingdom of God?
3. This episode begins to really hit at the topic of Living Grief, the grief that can happen prior to a person’s death or absence. How does this appear in this episode? Have you ever experienced this personally?

Holy Week Scene: Jesus Tells of His Death and Resurrection

4. The conversation about the fig tree is expanded in the film, including explaining how it relates to destroying the temple. In the gospels, however, turning the tables in the Temple simply happens next. The reader is left to connect the dots. For you, does the dialogue add depth, or take away mystery?
5. Notice Jesus’ face as the disciples started arguing against the idea of his crucifixion. What do you see in his face?
6. The ending with Mary and Judas had a mirroring effect. What do you think this shows and represents?

Personal Reflection

Draw a line down the page to make two columns. In one, list the fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22–23; in the other, note their opposites as seen in the temple. Spend time reflecting and praying on how we still struggle to live out God’s kingdom in a world shaped by money, nationalism, and religious systems.

22nd – 28th March: Episode 6 – “Reunions”

Bible Study Passages for The Chosen Season 5 Episode 6

- *Matthew 18:1-5: The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven*
- *Mark: 11:12-25: Fig Tree/Temple Clearing Comparisons*

The Last Supper Scene: The True Vine & Someone’s Betrayal

1. The Last Supper invites Christians to “remember” Jesus. Without the physical elements of bread & cup, what helps you remember & respond to Christ’s sacrifice in your daily life as a Salvation Army member?
2. There’s a moment here when Jesus is talking about joy. Before he tells his disciples the betrayal, he sees his cousin, John the Baptist, sitting at the end of the table. What do you think Jesus was feeling/thinking? Why do you think Jesus was remembering John at this moment?
3. We know Jesus is aware that Judas will betray him. Why do you think Jesus chooses not to identify the betrayer?

Holy Week Scene: Judas’ Deal with the Chief Priests

4. Judas hopes that Jesus will effortlessly destroy his captors, overthrow Rome, and take his place on the throne. How is this a misunderstanding of who Jesus is and what he came to do?
5. What do you think of Judas’s adamant statement to the chief priest, “We are not the same”? Why do you think he says this? Do you think it’s true?
6. Judas says he believes that Jesus is “most likely” the Messiah. He has seen too much to not believe it. But when the chief priest asks him “Then, why are you doing this?” Judas responds, “I suppose I have not seen enough.” Have you or someone you know had a similar experience to this– like you have not seen enough to fully believe?
7. As we ramp up to the finale, tensions are rising between the leaders (Caiaphas, Pilate, Atticus, etc). Does this series help you feel more intently what was occurring in the background. If so, in what ways?

Personal Reflection

List in your journal some of the ways you have misunderstood or mischaracterised God in your life (example: God as angry and unforgiving.) Add some reflections on how these misunderstandings lead to trouble believing in/trusting in God.

28th March – 2nd April: **Episode 7 – “The Upper Room 1”**

Bible Study Passages for The Chosen Season 5 Episode 7

- *John 13:1-17: Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet*
- *Matthew 21:1-6: Jesus Gives instruction on Retrieving a Donkey*

The Last Supper Scene: Jesus Washing His Disciples’ Feet

In ancient cultures, foot washing was done by slaves or inferiors. Remember most people wore sandals & streets were travelled by animals that would leave their dung. Because it was so undignified, someone of high status, like a rabbi or elder, would never wash the feet of those who were beneath them.

1. Why does Jesus wash his disciples’ feet? What does this reveal about Jesus’ character and ministry?
2. Jesus washing the disciple’s feet is a great example of humility and hierarchy. What do you imagine Judas was thinking as Jesus washed his feet? What about Peter?
3. Now imagine yourself as one of the disciples, how would you have reacted to this act? What lessons can we take from this today?
4. In Episode 6, Jesus repeats his famous instruction about servant leadership. By washing the feet of his disciples, Jesus is obviously putting this teaching into practice. But how do we see the disciples humbly serving throughout the remainder of the episode?
5. During a discussion about the Passover, we get another glimpse at the sense of humour of Jesus. Is it hard for you to imagine Jesus having a sense of humour or does it seem natural to you?
6. In the episode, the disciples are remembering their lives before Jesus and when they met Jesus. How was your life before Jesus? How has your life changed since following Jesus?
7. Now that the season is over, read through the Last Supper (Matt 26:17-30). How did ‘The Chosen’ do at presenting this section of scripture?

Personal Reflection

In the episode, Jesus wanted to hear Little James’ story. Have you ever shared your story with Jesus in prayer or journaling, or during a quiet time? What would you say to Him? How would you begin telling Him your story? What are you most thankful for since following Jesus as your Saviour?

28th March – 2nd April: Episode 8 – “The Upper Room 2”

Bible Study Passages for The Chosen Season 5 Episode 8

- *Matthew 26:17-30: Last Supper & 26:36-46: Jesus at Gethsemane*
- *Ezekiel 37:1-14: The Valley of Dry Bones*
- *Matthew 26: 47-56: Jesus Arrested*

Holy Week Scene: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

1. In Gethsemane, Jesus shows how he is in deep mourning. How do the disciples respond to this? Are there times in your life that you have felt this way (either perspective)?
2. Jesus asks the Father, if possible, to let the cup pass, but he ultimately prays, “not as I will, but as you will.” What does this reveal about Jesus’ humanity? Does that humanity call into question his divine nature?
3. The show depicts Jesus experiencing three visions:
 - a. The first is taken from the story of God testing Abraham by asking him to sacrifice Isaac, only to provide a ram as a last-minute substitute (Genesis 22). Why do you think the show adds this vision? What does it tell us about Jesus’ sacrifice and his relationship with the Father?
 - b. In the second vision, Jesus encounters Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones and asks him if the bones can live. Why do you think the show adds this vision? What does it tell us about what Jesus’ sacrifice will make possible?
 - c. In the final vision, Jesus sees Joseph, and the two embrace. Why do you think the show adds this? What does it show us about Jesus’ relationship with both humanity and his heavenly Father?
4. Jesus’ prayer happens in a garden, just like the temptation of Adam & Eve in Genesis 3 took place. How are these two garden stories similar? How do Jesus’ actions help resolve the problems created by Genesis?
5. Between his visions, Jesus also sees the sleeping Peter, James, and John, not as adults but as children. What do you think this moment shows us about how God looks at us in our weakness?

Personal Reflection

Write a personal prayer in your journal thanking Jesus for his unconditional love. Come back to this prayer every day this Holy Week.

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