

The Chosen

Episode #5 (Season #2)

“Spirit”

Buckle up (really...this is one intense episode)! This week, we get a Hebrew lesson, the inside scoop on John the Baptist's intent to confront Herod, and a glimpse of what a demon-possessed life may look like. Simon the Zealot catches up with the disciples and finds he's brought a knife to a demon fight. Mary Magdalene suffers a relapse. Get ready....this week has a lot to think about.

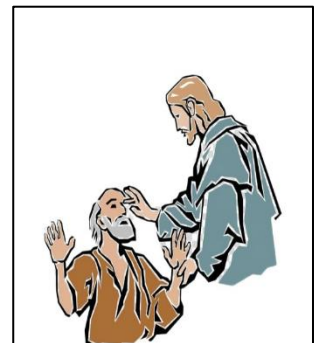
Scripture to read this week *(check the box when you've read the passage):*

- ☐ Mark 3:16-19
- ☐ Matthew 10:1-8
- ☐ Psalm 91
- ☐ Matthew 8: 14-17 & 11:1-19
- ☐ Ephesians 6:10-20

Messianic Miracles

According to Jewish interpretation of some of the book of Isaiah (Isaiah 35:5-6 and other verses), there are four types of miracles that could only be corrected by God Himself. It was believed that when God would send His Messiah, the SIGN that would prove who He was would be the performance of four specific miracles. They are known as the four Messianic Miracles:

- Cleansing Leprosy
- Casting out a Deaf and Mute Spirit
- Healing Congenital Disabilities (blind, lame, etc.),
- Raising Someone from the Dead after three days (i.e. the fourth day)



“Oy!”

Like I did at one time, you may think the expression “Oy!” is merely a Jewish form of “Oh my gosh!” but there's more to this exclamation than that. When John the Baptist says, “Oy, the hassle of it all,” he's using a biblical expression. Found in Numbers 21:29, Psalm 120:5, Proverbs 23:29, and many other places, the word 'יָא (pronounced “Oy”) is a lamentation most commonly translated as “woe” or “woe to me!”.

Thousands Named Jesus

When Jesse, (the former paralytic) is being questioned by the Pharisees he says all he knows about Jesus is his name. Yanni comments, *“There are a million Jews here for the festival, thousands named Jesus.”*

We generally know who someone’s referring to when they say “Jesus,” but it was a common name in Jesus’s time. The name Jesus is a variation on the Greek word Iésous (pronounced ee-ay-soos). His Hebrew name (what his family, disciples, and other Jews would have called him) exposes more meaning to his purpose here on earth.

In Hebrew, it’s “Yehoshua” (יְהוֹשֻׁעַ), which is the same name as “Joshua.” In Aramaic, it’s shorter – “Yeshua” (ܝܫܘܥ). Yehoshua and Yeshua are both a contraction of two root words: Yahweh (יְהוָה) and “yasha” (יָשָׁע). Yasha means “to deliver,” so combining the two means “God delivers,” “God saves,” or “God is salvation.” This significance makes the angel’s announcement to Joseph in Matthew 1:21 even more meaningful. The angel says, *“you are to give him the name Jesus [Yeshua] because he will save [yosheea] people from their sins.”*

- ❶ What did you notice about the way Jesus and John the Baptist related to each other?
- ❷ Were you surprised at how John the Baptist and Jesus disagreed with each other? What did they disagree about? How did their disagreement reflect their unique missions? What did you notice about the way John and Jesus talked through their disagreements and came to an understanding of one another?
- ❸ Like Mary, have you ever felt like you had a difficult experience in the past that you didn't want to remember?
- ❹ What was the difference between what Simon the Zealot expected out of Jesus, and what Jesus’ agenda was? Jesus said: *“I have a better sword – you’ll see”*. What did he mean by that?



Thank your Heavenly Father not only for His ability to heal, but also for His desire to heal. Celebrate the strong power Jesus demonstrated long ago, and that same power that, even now, is at work in this world.