

The Chosen

- It is Biblical fiction based on the Bible. A Catholic Priest, Evangelical Reverend, and a Messianic Jewish Rabbi consulted on the scripts to provide a plausible storyline.
- Jesus is not the main character in the story. Like *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Jesus is not the main character but is the common thread that ties the characters and action together.
- The main characters in the *The Chosen* are the Disciples: those whom Jesus “chose”. The story is from their point of view, so we see Jesus through the eyes of those that met him. The series asks the questions:
 - Who were the Disciples?
 - What were their backstories?
 - Why did Jesus choose them and the people he healed from among all the people?
 - How did they react to Jesus’ message?
 - How did being a disciple impact their life?
 - How did Jesus impact the people, Pharisees, and Romans?
- The series makes many references to the Old Testament because that was the only Bible Jesus used. So the show intertwines the Old Testament and the New Testament while taking liberty that the New Testament would not be written for another 30 years.
- Story does not follow the same timeline of any one gospel. Since gospels written 30+ years after Jesus, embrace the Biblical fiction that events told in the gospels might have happened a little differently and not along the same timeline. The meaning of the events remains the same.
- Main point of the series: God has **chosen** you. Will you accept His invitation?
- Beginning scenes of episodes usually provide the background from earlier events in the apostles’ lives or gives background from Biblical events from the Old Testament. These scenes are essential to understanding the context for the episode.
- Music: Listen for the one long note of the sitar in scenes which symbolizes God’s eternal presence and influence on the action.
- Season 1 - Introduces Jesus and the calling of his initial disciples (about half of them). We start to see how his works and teachings start to impact Capernaum and Galilee.
- Season 2 - Focuses on the beginning of Jesus's public ministry and what happens as word of His ministry begins to spread. We meet the rest of the Apostles and their backstories. The season ends with the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount.
- Season 3 - Focuses on the aftermath of the Sermon on the Mount. We see Jesus send his disciples on mission, and they begin to grasp who Jesus really is. The season ends with feeding the 5000 and walking on the water.

<https://watch.thechosen.tv/> - watch episodes for free, watch 30 min round table discussion of each episode with the director, a priest, a rabbi, and a reverend who consulted on the scripts. Episodes also available on streaming services like YouTube, Amazon, and Peacock. Starting July 16 2023, The CW will air episodes on Sunday nights @ 8 pm.