

## The Chosen Episode 2 – “Shabbat”

### SCRIPTURE

#### Genesis 1:31-2:1-3

God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed.

On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing; he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.

God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation.

#### Exodus 6:6-8

“Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD. I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and will deliver you from their slavery. I will redeem you by my outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.

I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God; and you will know that I, the LORD, am your God who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians

and I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as your own possession—I, the LORD!’”

#### Matthew 13:23-24

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

#### Matthew 25:31-40

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

### **Luke 14:12-14**

Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

### **Revelation 3:20**

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me."

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

- What character did you resonate most with in this episode? For those who have seen episode 1, has this changed with who you related to most in that episode?
- Are you more like Simon – impulsive, trying every outlet before giving up – or Andrew – cautious and ready to admit defeat right away?
- Which Shabbat dinner at the end would you like to have joined in on? Why?
- What is the significance of Jesus joining Mary's Shabbat dinner, rather than Nicodemus's?
- What have you learned about Jesus in this episode?

### **PERSONAL QUESTIONS**

- Jesus waited patiently outside for Mary to allow him in, rather than barging in. He waits for us. As a friend of mine put it, He waits on the "front porch" of our hearts. Are you willing to let Him inside?
- Contemplate Mary's words – "I was one way, and now I am completely different. And the thing that happened in between was Him. So yes, I will know Him for the rest of my life." Have you had an experience like this? What was it like?
- Keeping the Sabbath is most obviously marked by not working. But God's primary intention behind the commandment is to spend the day like Mary did – to enter into His presence. What needs to change in your schedule or in your mind-set to rest the way God intended?