



## Season 3, Episode 2 Two by Two

### Matthew and his father

(6:20 – 12:25 / 13:18)

1. What is the significance of Matthew and his father's discussion? Did anything connect with you personally?

In Episode 1 of Season 3, we saw the impact that the Sermon on the Mount had on the disciples at a personal, inward level. In Episode 2, we begin to see the larger, outward impact that the Sermon and Jesus' growing fame are beginning to have.

(14:40 – 18:00)

2. What is the significance of the report by Gaius, and the suggestion by Atticus to Praetor (Quintus)?
3. How is Jesus' growing fame beginning to have a concrete impact on the town of Capernaum?
4. Although Gaius and Atticus were able to keep the tent city from creating too much friction, how do you think Quintus will respond if the fame and impact of Jesus continue to grow?

### The Commissioning of the Twelve

One reason that the disciples will face increased opposition is because they're going to be playing a more active role in the ministry of Jesus. At the end of The Chosen Season 2, we saw the disciples begin to play a more active role in ministry by planning the Sermon on the Mount. In The Chosen Season 3, the disciples will play an even more significant role in ministry. Instead of simply bringing people to Jesus, the disciples will be bringing the message of Jesus to communities that Jesus hasn't visited. Jesus offers his disciples special wisdom for the challenges they will face as they go on mission.

**Episode 2** of The Chosen Season 3 has one of the longest scenes based on Scripture in the show so far (falling just behind the Sermon on the Mount scene in the previous

episode). The show does a good job of taking what is presented in Scripture as a long monologue by Jesus and transforming it into a dialogue, in which the disciples interrupt Jesus to ask questions and express concerns and much of Jesus' teaching is given in response to these questions and concerns. We see these concerns dramatically depicted in a way that will stick with us.

**(36:34 – 43:00)**

**Read (Matthew 10:1-15, ESV)**

“And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.”

**Questions and Struggles of the Disciples / Apostles**

This passage is only a small portion of a much longer speech that Jesus gave to his disciples in order to prepare them to go out on mission. This Episode 2 depicts this important moment and also highlights some of the questions and struggles that the disciples would have had in response to Jesus' instructions.

**Let's discuss the following questions:**

5. When someone goes on a mission to share the message of Jesus, even if it is in your own town, what are some dangers that may be faced?
6. How does Jesus call us to respond to those who oppose his message?

**Thomas has concerns and desires he shares with Jesus. (49:00 – 50:18)**

7. Imagine you were one of the twelve disciples that Jesus was commissioning to go out and represent the Kingdom of God. What questions and concerns would you have?
8. Why do you think Jesus felt a need to send out the disciples like this? Why not keep them with him and go visit all these places together?

**Jesus and Little James**

**(53:05 -59:30)**

9. What exactly do you think Jesus is trying to accomplish through his disciples? What seems to be their goal?
10. In what ways is our situation similar to the disciples? In what ways is our situation different?



11. Are there particular situations in life right now where you feel a need for God's blessing and grace?

**(1:00:59- Matthew and Gaius)**

**Peter and the Disciples (1:03:25 – 1:07:08)**

The prayer that the disciples recite is Psalm 3:

O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God."

But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy hill.

I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me. I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people! (*Psalm 3:1-8, ESV*)

12. How did the experience of David in this psalm connect with what the Apostles were about to experience? Why do you think this psalm was encouraging for them?