

The Chosen Season #1 Episode #4 “The Rock On Which It Is Built”

Read prior to watching the episode:

Genesis 15:1-5

Luke 3:1-20

Matthew 13:47-52

Watch the episode

Discussion and Learning:

Read Luke 5:1-11. Talk about Simon’s reaction, Matthew’s reaction, your reaction to the events of that day.

Did you catch the letter on the fishing bobber? It read “Z” in Hebrew. For Zebedee. As in “James and John, the sons of Zebedee.”

Recall the monologue that Simon has with God while out on the boat.

“And I will make your descendants as many as the stars in the heavens.” And then what, huh? Make the chosen as many as the stars, only to let Egypt enslave us for generations. Bring us out of Egypt, part the Red Sea, _____ only to let us wander in the desert for 40 years. Give us the land, _____ only to let us be exiled in Babylon. Bring us back, _____ only to be crushed by Rome. This is the God I’ve served faithfully my entire life. You’re the God I’m supposed to thank.”

From Simon’s recitation, it seems that God has continually let His people down. Simon recites some bad things that he seems to blame on God ... but his historical recounting is missing some stuff (the blanks, marked above by _____). What’s he missing? (HINT: In each case, it’s the same sort of thing). Why did they wander in the desert for forty years? Why were they sent into exile to Babylon? Did God ever completely leave them?

Read Daniel 2:38-40

Here we read that God showed in a dream that there would be Kingdoms that would come. The gold head was Babylon, the next would be Persia, then bronze would be the Greeks with Alexander the Great who would take over much of the known world, and finally the iron would be Rome. This vision would be written down hundreds of years before these nations would take control of the Middle East. Does anything surprise God?

At the end of Daniel’s interpretation of the dream we read about a promise God makes. Read verses 44 and 45 of Daniel chapter 2.

God showed that in the days of the fourth kingdom (Rome) He would establish a Kingdom that will never be destroyed. What does it mean that this kingdom would be a stone cut by no HUMAN hand?

How and in what situations are you tempted to the same type of historical misremembering in your life, blaming God for stuff ... and conveniently forgetting your own part in things? But do those things mean God has abandoned you? Do you think God knows every sin you have committed?

“but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
Romans 5:8

Jesus Died for your sins before you were born. God knew how every day of your life would be before one of them happened. He offers you forgiveness through the Blood of His Son, Jesus. He wants to give you new life in His Son. If this is something you would like talk about, our Pastors at Samaritan's Hill Church would like to speak with you about The Lord's Grace we receive in hearing His promises. Your group leader will have more information. Ask for this information after the study.

In what ways does the miracle of fish change Simon?

What did you like about the back stories presented here? Is there anything you'd change, given what you've seen so far?

How did Jesus appear to you? Like you thought? Different?

What will you take home with you and ponder further?