The Chosen Season #1 Episode #7 "Invitations"

Read prior to watching the episode:

Numbers 21:4-9

Watch the episode

Discussion and Learning:

Read John 3:1-21.

How did the writer's take on this episode reinforce any previous conceptions that you may have had of this event? How does it change them? What moved you about this scene? What would you have portrayed differently?

If we look at these passages of scripture through the lens of Nicodemus asking how HE can see the kingdom of God, then his confusion makes more sense. Nicodemus may have been asking what he must do. So when he is told he must be born again, how did he respond?

The Greek word for "spirit" and "wind/breath" are the same. What point then is Jesus making as he and Nicodemus discuss the wind, recorded in John 3:8?

Check out Luther's comment on being "born of the Spirit" in his explanation to the 3rd Article of the Apostle's Creed: "I believe that I cannot by my OWN reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to Him. But the HOLY SPIRIT has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the one true faith…" How does this help us understand what it means to be "born of the Spirit"?

How does Nicodemus ultimately respond to Jesus' invitation to follow in this episode?

We do know that the historical Nicodemus defended Jesus to other Pharisees (John 7:50) and helped with the Burial of the Lord (John 19:39-42). What things may have prevented the real Nicodemus from travelling with Jesus?

Read Matthew 9:9-13

Matthew had a very different interaction with Jesus. What was different? What was different about his reaction to Jesus?

One of the impressive things about The Chosen is that it fills in a backstory to things like what we read about in Matthew 9:9. How does The Chosen help you understand and flesh out the very likely reality of what happened with Matthew?

The Lord regularly invites us into new things, a new bible study with friends, or to start a new devotion to reading the Bible, or to stop doing something. Think about what you think God is inviting you to do in your life. Write it down here and share it as you feel comfortable.

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

What will you take home with you and ponder further?