

Jonathan Roumie on the Deeper Impact of The Chosen Season 5

As *The Chosen* enters its fifth season, the series takes a profound turn, capturing the intensity of Jesus' final days. Jonathan Roumie, who has portrayed Jesus since the show's inception, describes this season as an emotional and spiritual deep dive—one that has not only challenged him as an actor but also strengthened his faith.



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Roumie characterizes Season 5 as a whirlwind of emotions. "Steamroller. Bulldozer. Intensity," he told CBN News, emphasizing the season's raw storytelling. As Jesus approaches the culmination of His earthly mission, tensions rise between Him, His disciples, and the authorities. The emotional weight of the season is particularly evident in the struggles of those closest to Him.



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Simon Peter, played by Shahar Isaac, experiences his most challenging arc yet. The disciples, still grappling with Jesus' teachings, struggle to understand the significance of the events unfolding before them. The clash of faith and human doubt takes center stage, offering viewers a glimpse into the very real challenges of following Christ, even in His presence.



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For Roumie, portraying Jesus has never been just an acting role—it's a spiritual journey. This season, as he stepped into pivotal moments like the entrance into Jerusalem and the Last Supper, he found himself deeply moved.

"I was just flooded with emotion," Roumie shared with Charisma Media, describing the moment he heard the crowd shout, *Hosanna, Son of David!* The weight of Jesus' final days became incredibly real, requiring more than just performance—it demanded spiritual preparation. Roumie leaned into his faith, praying extensively and even inviting his spiritual director to the set during key scenes.



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One of the most heart-wrenching aspects of Season 5 is the portrayal of Judas, played by Luke Dimyan. While Judas' betrayal is often met with condemnation, Dimyan hopes to bring a new perspective to his character.

"When I read the story as a child, I saw a missed opportunity for redemption," he shared. "That's not someone to hate—that's someone to mourn." The series aims to present Judas with complexity, allowing viewers to wrestle with his actions beyond simple judgment.



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The series itself has expanded dramatically, with larger sets, more extras, and a growing global audience. Despite this, the heart of *The Chosen* remains the same: bringing Scripture to life in a deeply personal way.

Paras Patel (Matthew) and Elizabeth Tabish (Mary Magdalene) reflect on the impact the show has had on their lives. "It's made me more confident," Patel shared, crediting the series with shaping his personal growth. For Tabish, playing Mary has been transformative. "I was struggling with depression when I took on this role, and Mary's journey has helped me heal."



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The Chosen continues to reach millions and Roumie's takeaway is clear: the series is more than just a retelling of biblical events—it's a call to action.

"You don't have to play Jesus on TV to be Jesus to the world," he says. "That's what we are all called to do."