

St. Mark's 2026 Lenten Study

For our lenten study this year, we will be watching Series 1 of



Here's the plan...

We start after the 11:30 AM service on Ash Wednesday (February 18th); we will have a soup and bun lunch and then watch the first two episodes of THE CHOSEN, followed by a discussion about what we've seen.

This will continue through Lent on Wednesdays after the 11:30 AM service. That means lunch followed by another episode and discussion. We will watch the last episode on Wednesday, April 1st.

WHAT IS THE CHOSEN? FLIP THE PAGE OVER.

THE CHOSEN is an American Christian television drama series, created by director Dallas Jenkins. It is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the first century. The series depicts Jesus's life through the eyes of the people who interacted with him, including the apostles and disciples of Jesus, Jewish religious leaders, Roman government and military officials, and ordinary people.

Dallas Jenkins, who is also the executive producer, wanted a multi-season series about Jesus that viewers could binge-watch. Hoping to distinguish the series from previous portrayals of Jesus, Jenkins wanted to "encounter Jesus through the eyes of those who actually met Him", presenting a story that would be more "personal, intimate, and immediate."

The show gives backstories to both the characters and the settings. For instance, there are storylines that explore vice, addiction, autism, and physical disability. Other themes include marital conflict and financial struggles. There is also an underlying theme of cultural tension, as shown in the relationship between Jews and Samaritans of the time.