

Episode 3: Woes

Episode 3 is scripture heavy! We see Jesus' teaching the crowds and his interaction with the Pharisees. The Pharisees are up to no good with their questions of Jesus. They try to trick him or catch him in his words and we know that will not work. Jesus is way too smart for that! Let's jump in and see how Jesus outsmarts those pesky Jewish leaders.

Last Supper Clip

In the Episode 3 Last Supper clip, Jesus talks about the way to heaven and the holy spirit.

- Fill in the blanks: John 14:6: "I am the _____ the _____ and the _____, no one comes to the father except through _____."
- Jesus talks about where he is going they cannot follow, but after they can. He is preparing a home with many rooms and he will get the rooms ready.
- Philip said to Jesus to show them the father. John 14:9-10 (ESV) ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever had seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
- Jesus promises the Holy Spirit. John 14:16-17 (ESV) ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.
- He ends this part of his talk by quoting John 14:27 (ESV) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

After Jesus clears out the temple in Episode 2, he begins to teach the crowds and is questioned by the Pharisees and religious leaders. The scripture referenced in these scenes is listed below:

- The chief priests devised a plan to try to trick Jesus into saying something that would be considered blasphemy or something that would enrage the crowd. They decide to question Jesus' authority.
 - Matthew 21:23-27 ²³ And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know," And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

- While Jesus is telling the story of the Parable of the talents, the Pharisees keep interrupting him. The crowd isn't sure they will ever hear the entire parable.
 - Take some uninterrupted time and read Matthew 25:14-30 and summarize what the point of this parable is below.

- The disciples act out the Parable of the tenants as Jesus tells the parable to the crowd.
 - Matthew 21:33-45 (ESV) ³³ Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and when into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another and stoned another. ^{36...} ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ^{39...} ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits of their seasons." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes"? ⁴³ Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.
 - This is also referenced in Mark 12:1-12
 - What is the purpose of this parable? Why is Jesus telling this to the crowd?

- Pharisees ask about paying taxes to Caesar
 - Matthew 22:15-22 (ESV) ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹ They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.
 - This is also referenced in Mark 12:13-17

- In another attempt to get the crowds against Jesus, the Pharisees asked about the greatest commandment.
 - Matthew 22:36-40 (ESV) ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.
 - This is also referenced in Mark 12:28-34
- Seven woes to the scribes and Pharisees
 - Read Matthew 23:1-36 and write down a summary of each of the Woes that you read.
 1. Matthew 23:13
 2. Matthew 23:15
 3. Matthew 23:16
 4. Matthew 23:23
 5. Matthew 23:25
 6. Matthew 23:27
 7. Matthew 23:29
- Jesus laments over Jerusalem
 - Matthew 23:37-39 (ESV) ³⁷ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”
- After Jesus has talked to the crowds, he goes to the Mount of Olives and talks to Peter, John, James and Andrew about the end times
 - Read Mark 13:3-13 or Matthew 24:3-14

In the show, while Jesus is at the Mount of Olives he is very distressed and is calmed when he sees David singing and playing his lyre. It is not stated in scripture that Jesus sees David when he is out in the Mount of Olives. This is something that was added by the creators. We do know from the Old Testament that David wrote many of the 150 psalms. He also played his lyre to calm King Saul.

- Jesus tells the disciples that no one knows the day/time of the end
 - Mark 13:32-37 (ESV) ³² “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, not the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning – ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”
 - This is also referenced in Matthew 24:36-51
 - Jesus knew his time was coming to an end, but we do not know when our time will end here on earth. Think of the things that Jesus did during his last week of his life. He was with his friends, teaching people about him and what was to come, he was encouraging toward his disciples, he spoke justice against the Jewish leaders. What can you do to be more like Jesus and live your life because we don’t know when the end will come?