

Episode 5: Because of Me

This episode sets the stage for what is to come in the later episodes. Jesus continues to warn of a betrayal and tells the disciples of the trials and persecution to come. Pilates wife is starting to have warning dreams from God and an original character from season 1 comes back to the show. Let's dive in to see what is based on scripture.

Last Supper Clip

- The episode starts with the last supper clip and Jesus saying he will be betrayed
 - Luke 22:21-23 (ESV) ²¹ But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²² For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed! ²³ And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.
 - This is also mentioned in Mark 14:18-20, Matthew 26:17-25
- Jesus also says that the greatest will become the least because the disciples were arguing
 - Luke 22:26-27 (ESV) ²⁶ But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I among you as the one who serves.
 - Jesus calls us to serve one another as we see from the verse above. Where do you currently serve? Are there any areas you feel a calling to start serving? What action can you take today to get involved at church or in your community to serve others?
- Jesus then talks about assignments in the kingdom
 - Luke 22:28-30 (ESV) ²⁸ "You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
- Jesus and the disciples continue with the Passover dinner and the tradition of 10 drops of wine for the 10 plagues on Egypt. Review the 10 plagues from Exodus 20:1-17 and write them below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

As Jesus and the disciples are headed back to Jerusalem, they notice the Fig tree is withered

- Mark 11:20-25 (ESV) ²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered. ²² And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."
- The account in Mark of the fig tree withering is different from the account found in Matthew 21:18-22. What do you notice is different?
- In the show Jesus talks about how the fig tree did not produce fruit even though it had leaves which usually come before or after the fruit. What did Jesus teach the disciples through the withering of the fig tree? (See Matthew 21:18-22)

In the show, Jesus talks with the disciples and warns them that they will have tribulation, be hated, persecuted and before this the Son of Man will be crucified. I could not find this quote directly in scripture, but Jesus did tell the disciples at least 3 times that he would die and rise on the third day.

- Matthew 20:17-19, Mark 10:32-34, Luke 18:31-34

Pilate's wife starts having dreams and unwell visions about Jesus. She wants to leave Jerusalem, but Pilate will not let her. Pilate finds out that the Jewish leaders are planning to arrest Jesus. The Roman officers are looking for Jesus and knocking down doors where they think he might be.

- The dreams and unrest that Pilate's wife is having now is a glimpse of what will come when she tells Pilate not to judge Jesus.
 - Matthew 27:19 (ESV) Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him (Pilate), "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."

Toward the end of the episode, Mary is approached and taken by a man named Reuben to a hidden location. Once the sack is removed from her head, she opens her eyes to see none other than Nicodemus. Although I am excited to have Nicodemus come back into the show, this interaction is not explicitly stated in scripture.

The episode ends with Judas standing in front of Caiaphas. As the screen goes black, we know Episode 6 will pick up here and we will find out what they talked about.