

**Matthew 4:24**  
**Season 2- Episode 3**

**Introduction**

The disciples camp while Jesus heals all day and night in Syria, between their responsibilities it gives them an opportunity to deepen their relationship around the campfire. They share stories, the life of being Jewish, and the impending questions they have for Jesus. However, during their sharing feelings of deep cultural and personal hurt will come forward between the apostles.

**Depicted Scripture**

- Matthew 4:18-25 Jesus Heals the Sick

**Referenced Scripture**

- Zechariah 14:1-5 The Lord Comes and Reigns
- John 20 Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish
- Matthew 16:18-19 Peter Declares Jesus is the Messiah
- Deuteronomy 14:8-21 Clean and Unclean Food
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Love the Lord Your God (alludes to bedtime Shema)
- Psalm 139:8 God Is There

**Intent**

Admittedly, deciding to follow Jesus can come with expectations, especially regarding the intentions of His ministry. But what we expect is not always what God has in mind. And as a Christian community gains strength and relationships deepened animosities, theological understanding, and afflictions challenge its expectancies. But as a community, it must retain the belief there is an opportunity for growth. That self-protection in the face of challenge will not release any anxieties, we are asked to consider others over ourselves. Ultimately, to display meekness towards God, trusting that Christ gives us the quiet strength to overcome any challenge and exceed all expectations.

**Break Breaker**

There was a lot of conversation between the disciples in this episode, what stood out to you about the characterization of the disciples? Did you identify with anyone?

**Episode Review**

- Matthew was a traitor, a collaborator with the hated Romans and taxing people to death – Matthew got rich off of Peter and his friends. So is Peter right to challenge Matthew like this, or not? Think about Simon and forgiveness in the Bible, would Matthew 7:1-5 apply here?
- Jesus returned to camp exhausted from ministry. His presence stunned the disciples into silence. Why? What does this speak to about meekness? Review Zechariah 4:1-14, Matthew 11:28-30, and 1 Corinthians 1:27-35

**Ministry Application**

- Think of the conversation between Little James, Phillip, and Thomas. Why do we sometimes not ask for God's help when we know in our hearts He could actually help us and others?
- If someone were to have told you when you were younger you would be a student of the Messiah and help Him on His mission, what would you have said to them? What could you say to someone starting their walk right now?

**Self Reflection**

At the close of the episode, as the disciples fought among themselves and in great juxtaposition Jesus was thanking His Father for giving Him peace. Are we emotionally or spiritually tired from fighting the wrong battles? Are their fights where your focus needs to be shifted to meet Christ's calling?