

First Original TV Series About Jesus Christ Takes Off During COVID-19 Shutdown

During the COVID-19 shutdown, many people downloaded and binge-watched an eight-episode television series called *The Chosen*, about the life of Jesus Christ.

The Chosen is the first-ever multiseason TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, the series allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

Season 1 was funded entirely by private donations, making it the No. 1 crowd-funded media project of all time, with donations of more than \$10 million and distributed through Vid-Angel productions.

In it, Bible characters come to life. Writer and director Dallas Jenkins explains the thinking behind the name of the series.

“We look at and use the term for Christ as the ‘Chosen One.’ So, it refers to Christ in many ways. The Jews are God’s chosen people. Even as an evangelical, I believe that. And the people that Christ chose to follow Him and be on his team—as we like to say—it’s a little bit of a nod to that.”

You might say telling Bible stories is in Dallas Jenkins’ blood. His father, Jerry, is co-author of the popular *Left Behind* book series.

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