

Why ‘The Chosen’ Is Unlike Any Jesus Program You’ve Ever Seen

The Chosen is unlike any Jesus program to date.

Gone are the actors who recite Bible verses in British accents.

Gone are the pristine robes and perfect sashes.

Gone is the stunted dialogue and cardboard personalities.

The Chosen just feels ... real. Episodes are like rugged snapshots into New Testament times. Biblical characters have jobs, families, attitudes and flaws.

Simon Peter has a fiery temper but a soft spot for his wife. Mary Magdalene is demon-possessed but then transformed. Nicodemus has an insatiable appetite for knowledge and an earnest desire to know the truth about the Messiah. Matthew is calculated and obsessed with numbers. Zebedee is old but eager. John the Baptist legitimately looks like a crazed man who lives off grasshoppers. The Romans are pompous jerks. Thomas is incredulous and intrigued. The woman at the well is dirty, skeptical, rude and then her eyes are opened.

Then there’s Jesus.

While the Gospel tells us who Jesus is, *The Chosen* shows Him having life-changing conversations and interactions. The actor speaks Scripture, but is far from the stoic, flat Jesus of movies past. He cracks jokes, He empathizes, He builds friendships and, yes, He’s sassy.

“Playing the role of Jesus Christ is the preeminent honor, not only of my career, but of my life,” Jonathan Roumie told

FoxNews. "With this series, we're afforded the opportunity to take our time with the greatest story ever savor it."

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