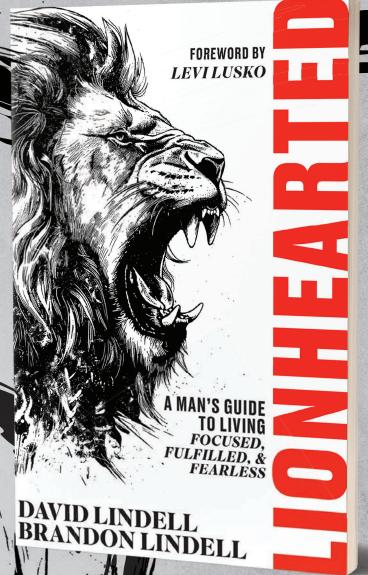
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THE CHOSEN: LAST SUPPER

The Global Sensation Bringing Hope and Inspiration to Millions

t the core of the blockbuster series *The Chosen* is an approach that redefines how biblical narratives are told. Unlike many portrayals of Jesus that emphasize only His divinity, this series presents Him as both God and man—approachable, warm and deeply connected with the people around Him. The show provides a rare focus on the disciples, fleshing out their personal struggles, doubts, human foibles, but also their transformations. Each episode weaves biblical truth with inspired storytelling, adding

layers of emotion, nuance and depth to figures many only know through Sunday School and Bible Study.

Since its debut in 2019, *The Chosen* has broken barriers, setting records for independent faith-based media, now translated into at least 50 languages ahead of a goal of 600, ensuring people from every corner of the planet may engage with its powerful storytelling. As of 2025, it claims more than 17 million social media followers and 280 million viewers through its various platforms in everything from movie theaters to streaming on your cellphone.

Now, on the eve of the premier of Season 5, *The Chosen: Last Supper*, this phenomenon's wider connection to its audiences comes into clearer focus. Arriving in Season 1 mere months before the world ground to an artificial halt for the pandemic, it re-started for Season 2 as the world was still reeling from the multiplying lag effects of pandemic policies. Many say *The Chosen* arrived at precisely the right moment to provide a glimpse of hope after years that left many searching for meaning, encouragement and stability. It is no overstatement to say this series has been a spiritual oasis for millions.

For Christians, *The Chosen* has been a fresh reminder of the living Christ, a beacon of faith during uncertain times. It has sparked Bible studies, church discussions and personal reflections worldwide. For those outside the Christian faith—including members of the Jewish community—the show has offered an unprecedented exploration of first-century Jewish life, culture and traditions, sowing greater understanding and appreciation of the Hebrew roots of Christianity.

The Chosen has been praised for its universal themes of love, forgiveness and purpose. Its emphasis on the value of individuals—regardless of social status, past mistakes or personal struggles—continues to resonate with anyone searching for acceptance and connection in an overly media-saturated world that leaves more people in desperate loneliness despite greater

opportunities for communication that at any time in history.

Though faith-based films and television series often receive limited recognition in mainstream entertainment circles, *The Chosen* has rewritten the old script, earning numerous nominations and prestigious awards including the Gospel Music Association's Dove Award and K-Love's Fan Award, along with nominations for the People's Choice Awards "Favorite TV Drama" previously held by such legendary secular programs as *M*A*S*H*, *Friends*, *Seinfeld* and *Dallas*. The

show's meticulous craftsmanship, high production value and especially the gripping performances by the gifted cast have gained the respect of audiences and critics alike.

One of the most lauded aspects of *The Chosen* is that stellar cast with Jonathan Roumie's portrayal of Jesus earning universal praise for its sincerity, warmth and emotional depth. His performance captures both the compassion and authority of Christ, presenting a figure who is both divine and deeply human. Shahar Isaac (Simon

Peter), Elizabeth Tabish (Mary Magdalene) and Paras Patel (Matthew) also deliver unforgettable performances, bringing their characters to life with authenticity and depth.

Let us also spare a thought for the exceptional raw materials provided to the cast, the plot treatments and scripts from creator and head writer, Dallas Jenkins, and his writers team. Jenkins, son of *Left Behind* co-author Jerry B. Jenkins, has consistently emphasized the importance of character-driven storytelling over mere spectacle. His vision for *The Chosen* was not just to retell familiar stories but to deeply explore the human experiences behind them. His crew adroitly balance biblical accuracy with creative liberties, ensuring narratives remain engaging while honoring Scripture. Dialogue is modern yet respectful of historical context making it accessible without losing authenticity.

Upcoming seasons will run through the perfection of the Gospel message, but Season 5 arrives presently abundant in promise and excitement for this show's ability to bring the greatest story ever told to new audiences in newer, evermore intimate, revelatory ways. *The Chosen: Last Supper* will take use through Holy Week as far more than a television series—it is a movement, a God-send shining the light of Jesus into countless lives and offering a much-needed reminder that grace, love and healing are still abundant and available to all in the embrace of Jesus.



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Luke Dimyan's 'Judas' in *The Chosen: Last Supper* Embracing the Most Infamous Role in History

hen *The Chosen: Last Supper* was unveiled for Season 5, fans braced for a deeply emotional chapter including one of history's most controversial figures—Judas Iscariot. The role carries immense weight, demanding an actor who can portray both charisma and internal conflict.

Enter Luke Dimyan, whose casting as Judas was as unexpected as it was fated.

Dimyan initially auditioned for various disciples but found

himself uniquely suited for Judas. Amanda Jenkins, wife of show creator Dallas Jenkins, reportedly was the one who first said Dimyan was the one for the role. The secrecy surrounding the role made his selection all the more intriguing. While other cast members openly celebrated their parts, Dimyan had to sit on this revelation, knowing he had been entrusted with one of the most pivotal roles in the series.

Being cast as Judas Iscariot comes with its fair share of reactions. Dimyan has faced a mix of amusement, fascination and at times, strong opinions—especially from family. His grandmother, upon hearing the news, was not pleased, "She tried to throw her walker at me a few times," he laughs.

The public reaction has been mostly positive, though some fans struggle with the idea of separating the actor from the role. Dimyan takes it all in stride, even joking that his biggest career achievement is that he "can afford healthcare now."

Judas Iscariot is often viewed through a singular, condemning lens, but Dimyan approached the character with nuance and empathy. He saw Judas not merely as a villain but as a man whose choices, while devastating, were rooted in complex motivations.

Inspired by Ian McShane's portrayal of Judas in *Jesus of Nazareth*, Dimyan studied the artistic fascination with Judas across history, from literature to film to music. Judas is a character that challenges audiences to wrestle with themes of betrayal, free will and redemption. Dimyan wanted to deliver a portrayal that reflected the slow, painful unraveling of a man who once had good intentions but succumbed to tragic misjudgment. Season 5 of *The Chosen* doesn't rush Judas' transformation from eager disciple to betrayer. Instead, the reliably spectacular

writing crafts a deliberate devolution, making his eventual decision all the more heartbreaking.

One of the most emotionally charged scenes for Dimyan was the Last Supper, particularly the moment of tension at the table with Jonathan Roumie's Jesus. The gravity of that interaction, where love, sorrow and inevitability collide, tested Dimyan's depth as an actor. Dimyan recalls these moments as both terrifying and exhilarating—an actor's dream challenge.

To enrich their performances, the cast of *The Chosen* participated in a traditional Passover meal led by Rabbi Jason Sobel.

This firsthand experience allowed Dimyan to connect with the Exodus narrative, the same story Judas and the disciples would have meditated on that fateful night, "As we continued the feast, it gave me a huge appreciation for the tradition, and knowing the story of Exodus, the suffering at the hands of the Egyptian people that the Israelites went through." Dimyan was particularly struck by the symbolic depth of the *afikoman*, the broken matzah that in Jewish tradition represents redemption—a theme woven throughout the Gospel.

Season 5 of *The Chosen* sets the stage for what will ultimately be a heart-wrenching progression toward Christ's crucifixion. Dimyan describes

this season as an essential but incomplete puzzle piece. "The story won't be finished until Season 7," he reminds fans, urging them to remain patient for the full impact of the narrative.

The Chosen: Last Supper carries a heavier tone, reflecting the growing tension between Jesus, His disciples and the religious authorities. Audiences should brace for darker themes, deep personal betrayals and a portrayal of Judas that will challenge preconceptions.

Luke Dimyan's portrayal of Judas Iscariot is set to redefine how audiences perceive one of the most infamous figures in Bible history. Through careful storytelling, emotional depth and a fresh perspective, Dimyan brings Judas to life in a way that will linger with viewers long after the season ends. For audiences worldwide, the challenge is to engage with the story openly, to see the complexity of human choices and appreciate the craftsmanship behind this interpretation.

And as Dimyan wryly concludes, playing Judas wasn't an easy decision. But, in the end, "They paid me. How could I say no?"



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A POWERFUL, PASSIONATE LOOK AT JESUS' FINAL HOURS

eason 5 of The Chosen is here, and with it comes the most intense and emotionally charged portrayal of Jesus Christ's final days before the crucifixion. According to series creator Dallas Jenkins, The Chosen: Last Supper stands apart not only in scale and production value but also in its raw and unfiltered depiction of the most pivotal week in human history—Holy Week.

Jenkins describes this season as being "The biggest season we've ever done by far, and that's because the story demands it." He elaborates, "Season One, set in the small town. Jesus' ministry is just starting. He's gathering one disciple, two disciples at a time. Now the entire region knows who He is. The word has spread, and it's Passover week. I mean, this is the biggest week in the calendar for the Jewish people. Well over a million people, conservatively, are all gathered in one city centered around one place, the temple, in order to honor and remember Passover and Jesus enters into this, a majority of the people have heard about Him and believe He's the conquering king and the coming Messiah—and a large chunk of people, the ones with the power, want Him dead. And they're all gathered in one place, it is a powder keg."

Jenkins eloquently captures the dramatic contrast that plays out across the week, "Those people who believed He was the conquering king, by the end of the week, also want Him dead. The setting is huge, Jerusalem is the big dog, all the people are there, this is a huge story that demands a big stage."

This new season is particularly massive in its scope, and Jenkins notes of the cinematic potential, "That's one of the reasons why we are really pushing people more than ever to see this in the theater, because this is big and you'll feel that, and you'll see that." continued »

Jesus: Confrontational Messiah

The Chosen: Last Supper unveils a side of Jesus that has been hinted at in previous seasons, but now commands center stage with unfiltered intensity. While many have become accustomed to the compassionate healer, the gentle teacher and the friend of sinners, Season 5 presents Jesus as the bold, unvielding Messiah—fearless in His confrontation of corruption, hypocrisy and spiritual blindness.

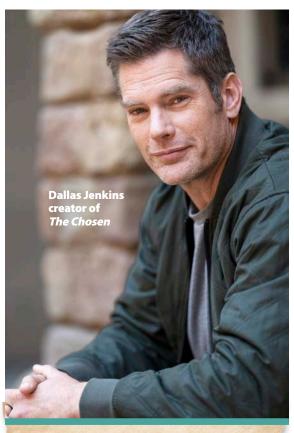
Jenkins highlights this transformation, stating, "You've never seen this side of Iesus before." While earlier seasons have shown glimpses of His frustration—especially in His verbal clashes with the Pharisees—Season 5 escalates into full-scale confrontation. "This is turning over the tables time. This is cursing a fig tree to death. This is Jesus standing in the Holy Temple, on the religious leaders' own turf, and declaring, 'How are you going to escape being condemned to hell?' I mean, it's just brutal," Jenkins says.

This portrayal of Jesus may challenge some viewers' perceptions, particularly those who envision Him solely as a figure of mercy and grace. Yet, this season shows with stark depth that Jesus was also a disruptor of the status quo, a revolutionary force in a corrupt reli-

gious system and an unrelenting voice of truth in the face of opposition. His words cut to the heart, exposing hypocrisy, confronting injustice and forcing those around Him-including His own disciples—to wrestle with the reality of His mission.

Jenkins himself acknowledges the high-stakes nature of this depiction: "This is kind of the 'kick-butt' season, where, before going to the cross, Jesus upends everything. He challenges. He rebukes. He calls out sin with unflinching boldness. And in doing so, He confuses His followers, horrifies His enemies and shakes the very foundations of power."

For viewers, this season offers a deeply immersive Holy Week experienceone that is raw, intense and filled with



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moments that will stir emotions and spark conversation. Jenkins comes back to this central plot aspect, "Holy Week is the most important and impactful week in the history of the world, and this is by far our most intense season." As The Chosen continues to push boundaries, this portrayal of Jesus as both the suffering servant and the fearless warrior of righteousness leaves audiences both shaken and inspired.

The Last Supper and the **Jewish Connection**

The significance of the Last Supper is a primary plot point, Jenkins explaining that it must be understood through its Jewish roots, "I don't think that you can fully understand and experience Holy Week without understanding the Jewishness of it." He emphasizes, "Jesus came in and turned over the tables of the temple. Clearly He was upset, and clearly they're just making money, and He's telling them it's wrong to make money and to use the temple to make money. Well, it's not that simple."

Jenkins continues, "For many people, this was their way of life. And for the religious leaders, not all of them were just selfish and greedy. Many of them are honoring rules that were handed down by God. Now they've just taken those rules and taken them too far, and some of their own human understanding and fleshly desires have interfered with it and turned it into something it wasn't meant to be."

The Passover connections are central to the Last Supper, and Jenkins recalls how they prepared the cast for these pivotal scenes: "We actually had Jonathan [Roumie] and the actors who portray the disciples get together with Rabbi Jason Sobel. We did a Passover meal together. We went into our synagogue, set a table and did the whole thing, and went through some of the liturgy before we filmed the Last Supper sequence. And that's the thing that I had never fully appreciated. Even though I've been a believer

as long as I can remember, that what they were celebrating that week specifically connected to what was coming with Iesus on the cross."

The Importance of Holy Week

Holy Week is the central observance in the Christian faith, commemorating the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry, His crucifixion and His Resurrection. It begins with Palm Sunday, marking Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where crowds welcomed Him with palm branches, symbolizing victory. The week progresses with key events such as the cleansing of the temple, His teaching sessions and the growing tensions between Jesus and the religious leaders.

Maundy Thursday is significant for

the Last Supper in the Upper Room, where Jesus instituted the sacrament of Communion, breaking bread and sharing wine with His disciples symbolizing His body and blood, and where 50 days later the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples. This sacred meal established the foundation for Christian worship and remembrance.

Good Friday marks the Crucifixion, the darkest day of Holy Week, as Jesus willingly gave His life for the sins of humanity. His suffering and death fulfilled Old Testament prophecy, bridging the gap between God and mankind. Holy Saturday follows, a solemn day reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice and the anticipation of His Resurrection.

Easter Sunday is the pinnacle of Holy Week—the day of Jesus' Resurrection, signifying victory over sin and death. For believers, it affirms Jesus as the Son of God and the promise of eternal life.

Emotional Struggle of the Disciples: Wrestling with Faith and Fear

One of the most compelling aspects of The Chosen has always been its ability to humanize biblical figures, portraying them as deeply flawed yet profoundly loved individuals. Season 5 is no exception, as it brings to life the raw emotional turmoil of the disciples in the face of Jesus' increasingly direct teachings about His impending death and Resurrection.

Jenkins points to a particularly striking dynamic: Jesus is not speaking in parables here—He is telling His apostles what is to come with extreme clarity: "Jesus is explicitly telling His apostles what's going to happen. And it's like, He actually says, 'I'm going to die and I'm going to rise again.' And they just don't get it," Jenkins explains. "Trying to capture that was difficult."

It's easy for modern audiences armed with the hindsight of Scripture to wonder how the disciples could have been so blind to the truth. But this reaction misses a crucial point: their struggle was not one of intellect, but of expectation, fear and faith. These men had left everything to follow Jesus, believing Him to be the promised Messiah—one who would establish God's kingdom in a way they had envisioned for generations. To hear Him speak of His own suffering and death was not just perplexing-it was terrifying. Their entire worldview was being challenged, and their hearts wrestled with the tension between their hopes and His words.

In *The Chosen*, this tension is vividly portrayed. We see Peter, whose boldness masks his inner turmoil, refusing to accept a suffering Messiah. We see John and James, the "Sons of Thunder," grappling with the implications of a kingdom built not on conquest but on sacrifice. We see Judas, torn between his ambition and his devotion, struggling to reconcile Jesus' meekness with the triumph he longs for. And we see Thomas, Andrew and the others, wrestling with doubt, fear and the understand. And just as Jesus was patient with His disciples, guiding them through their fears, He is patient with us. Their journey of faith—fraught with confusion, resistance and ultimate transformation is our journey as well.

The Chosen: Last Supper Is a Global **Blessing That's Changing Lives**

When The Chosen Season 5 premiers in theaters on Friday, Mar. 28, it will arrive to anticipation unlike anything in the production's first four seasons. Fans around the world eagerly await this pivotal next chapter in the groundbreaking series that has captivated millions and reignited passion for the Gospel like no other show before. Series creator Dallas







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growing realization that following Jesus is leading them into the unknown.

This struggle is deeply relatable. How often do we, like the disciples, fail to grasp what God is doing even when He speaks plainly? How often do we resist His ways because they do not fit our expectations? The emotional blindness of the disciples mirrors our own—when faith demands surrender, when God's plan disrupts our comfort and when the road ahead seems to lead not to glory, but to the cross.

Says Jenkins, "We've been able to connect so well with the human emotions of the disciples. How will we see this affect Peter, James, John?"

By portraying these raw emotions, The Chosen not only brings the Gospel narrative to intimate, relatable life, but it also reminds us of a fundamental truth: faith is not the absence of doubt, but the courage to trust even when we do not Jenkins says of the huge groundswell of hype, "I have not experienced this much anticipation for a season. From everything people are telling us, they just can't wait. And I can't wait to bring it to you."

This season is a profound invitation to walk side-by-side with Jesus and His disciples in their final days together. Audiences will witness the triumph, the heartbreak and the ultimate victory that transformed human history. The Chosen builds on its powerful movement of faith, drawing people deeper into Scripture, strengthening believers worldwide and offering the unchurched an authentic encounter with the living Christ. In the stunning cinematography, the profoundly deep storytelling grounded in the show's widely respected biblical accuracy, Season 5 promises to bless the church and the world like never before.

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A DEEPER LOOK AT THE **HUMANITY AND** RIGHTEOUS ANGER OF JESUS

he Chosen: Last Supper leads its huge, global audience through the final, most intense phase of Jesus' earthly ministry. With time running out, the tension between Jesus and the religious authorities escalates, and His disciples struggle to grasp the full meaning of His mission.

Star cast member, Jonathan Roumie, who has had the honor of portraying Jesus Christ for four seasons now, knew the depth and power of the pivotal Holy Week timeframe will make this the biggest season of the series ever, "I think we're at the point where Jesus is out of time in our story. And He knows that, basically, the whole reason He came to earth is days away," Roumie explains. "For as much as He's been trying to warn and inform His disciples and prepare His followers, He's learning that not everything is quite clear to them." This fifth season brings into sharper focus more aspects of Jesus' humanity than have been explored in the previous four seasons of The Chosen. continued »

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Jesus' Righteous Anger in the Temple

One of the most striking and climactic moments of the season is Jesus' dramatic entrance into the temple with a whip. This is not merely an outburst of frustration, but a deliberate and forceful act of righteous indignation.

"Jesus made a whip out of cords," Roumie clarifies. "He didn't buy it on first-century eBay. He made a whip out of cords," referring to the intentionality behind Jesus' actions. This was not an impulsive display of anger, but a carefully considered response to the corruption that had infiltrated the sacred space. The temple, meant to be a house of prayer and worship, had been turned into a marketplace where greed, exploitation and financial extortion overshadowed true devotion to God.

The scenes about the temple powerfully capture this pivotal moment, showing Jesus walking into the temple courts, where money changers and merchants had set up shop, profiting from those who came to make sacrificial offerings. Historical context reveals that these merchants often took advantage of worshippers, overcharging for animals required for sacrifice and manipulating exchange rates for currency, making temple worship a burden rather than an act of reverence.

"It's very clear that it's about the mockery that His priests have made of the temple," Roumie says. "People were using the temple for extortion, basically." This exploitation was not a small issue—it was an offense against the very purpose of the temple, a place that was meant for communion with God but had instead become a den of thieves. Jesus, fully aware of His divine authority, takes decisive action to restore holiness and reverence to His Father's house.

The portrayal in The Chosen leans into the weight of the moment, allowing audiences to feel the tension as Jesus flips over tables, scattering coins and driving out the money changers with the whip He fashioned. The physicality of the scene drives home the tangible reality of Christ's righteous anger-not sinful wrath, but a measured and necessary correction.

"I think Jesus, through the eyes and lens of God, basically hit His limit, and He couldn't take any more, and He needed to, quite literally, clean house," Roumie explains. The phrase "clean house" speaks to the deeper significance of this event—it was not just about driving out corruption but also about

reclaiming the temple's sanctity. Jesus was not only making a physical statement but also fulfilling prophetic Scripture, declaring that the presence of God could not coexist with greed, hypocrisy and dishonesty.

This moment is one of the most intense and confrontational depictions of Jesus in the series, showing a side of Him that is often overlooked. While Jesus is most commonly portrayed as gentle, compassionate, patient, even docile in some portrayals over the decades, this scene reminds viewers that He is also a figure of justice—one who stands against wrongdoing and defends the purity of worship.

Roumie's masterful performance captures this balance, ensuring that the scene does not depict Jesus as out of control but rather as acting with divine conviction. This moment, both in Scripture and on screen, offers a powerful reminder that true faith cannot be compromised for personal gain and that God's presence demands holiness, not commerce.

The Weight of the Last Supper

The Last Supper is the centerpiece of Season 5, carrying profound spiritual weight.

"It's the establishment of the New Covenant," Roumie states. "It's using the context of the previous covenant to set up the New Covenant, the eternal covenant that Jesus has with His people through the Eucharist." As a Catholic, Roumie notes the significance of the Eucharist, calling it "the source and summit of the Christian life."

In preparing for the scenes, he had the company's spiritual director present on set. "I had a lot of spiritual firepower behind me," he says. "I had a lot of people praying for me. I needed to be in the right spiritual mental and physical space, to transmit the essence and importance and the weight of that moment in human history."

Emotional Connection to Jesus' Journey

Throughout filming, Roumie remained in deep prayer.

"I am deeply devoted in prayer right up to the filming of those scenes," he says. "And then throughout the filming, in

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Knowing What You Worship

Recently, my brother shared with me about a podcast interview he saw with a well-known contemporary gospel singer. Towards the end of the interview, the host asked the singer about an "exorcism" he recently had in his home. The singer laughed and explained that his child had been hearing noises in the house and was terrified. The singer then told how he went through the house from room to room, saying, "Devil, get the f*** out of my house." My brother, of course, was shocked and offended by what he heard, knowing that something was very wrong in this man who so many honored as a great minister of worship and praise.

From the local assembly to the mega church, modern worship is increasingly built around human talent and showmanship. My wife recently showed me an advertisement from a local church looking for a worship leader. After listing a few requirements, the ad concluded with these words: "Christian background preferred." I was aghast that this church seemed willing to consider someone as

their worship leader who might not even profess to be a Christian, that is, if they were talented enough.

The Apostle Paul told us to "...to know them which labour among you..." I Thessalonians 5:12. How many ministers can say like Paul, "But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions..."? II Thessalonians 3:10-11. In this same manner, you need to know these things about those who minister to you and your children. A minister may be extremely gifted and talented, but if they are unclean in

spirit, they will feed that uncleanness to those who partake of their ministry.

I want to conclude with a couple simple truths concerning worship. We are all trained to worship God in songs, which is good. There is, however, a greater worship God asks of you. Very often, as the worship leader turns the service over to me, I will encourage those who have been worshiping in song to begin to worship God with their own words. The words of your own heart spoken from your own lips are more precious to God than the words of ten thousand songwriters. **Remember, a song is someone else's words.** We can sing songs and be caught up in the emotion yet not mean a single word of it. **God wants to hear the words which come from your own heart.**

Finally, it seems to me that the modern church has forgotten that applause is not worship. Yes, clap your hands unto the Lord! Sing, shout, and offer the fruit of your lips to God, but understand that applause is an offering unto man. Men revel in it; they desire it, and even demand it. This is why it has become so destructive in the house of God. Ministers are set up as stars in the church house and we adorn them with applause and praise. When I see this, it reminds me of the following passage in the book of Acts.

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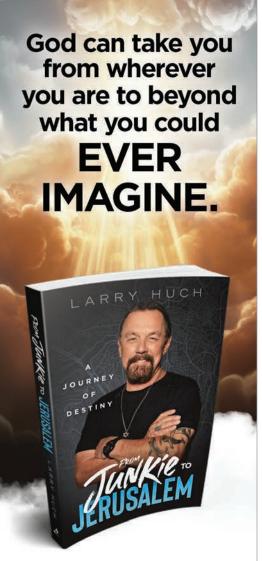
apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost." Acts 12:21.

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between takes, I'm on my knees most of the time, just praying that the Lord allows me to inhabit a sort of a windowpane of His being—that people are able to see through me to Him."

Moments like the Garden of Gethsemane scene required him to immerse himself in Jesus' emotional turmoil. "Every scene that I go into, especially with the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, and other key moments, I pray that I can reflect the brightness of who He is and what He's done for humanity."

Jesus' Relationships with His Disciples

The season deepens Jesus' interactions with Mary Magdalene, Judas and John the Beloved. Roumie explains, "Mary Magdalene's journey has been central from the start, we know how she figures into the Passion and the Resurrection Scripturally, and the weight and responsibility and authority that He gave her as a woman at a time when women didn't hold authority. We consider her the apostle to the apostles."

The relationship between Jesus and Judas also unfolds with due complexity. "Judas had a place among the 12—until he didn't," Roumie says. "We explore what that dynamic might have looked like before His (Jesus') betrayal."

John the Beloved's closeness to Jesus also plays a key role. "John was the only male disciple at the foot of the cross. As far as we know, he's the only one who's named. And why is that? What sets that up?" These are the questions *The Chosen* seeks to answer in Season 5.

Increased Production Value and Miraculous Moments

The series has reached a worldwide audience, translated into at least 50 languages.

"There is no shortage of testimonies I get from people all over the world," Roumie shares. "Even in my most recent travels, I had people in the Middle East that recognized me and were really, really moved by the series." He sees *The Chosen* as the most significant work of his life. "This isn't just another role—it's a calling. If this series can lead even one person to Christ, it has done its job."

Each season of *The Chosen* has grown in scope and quality. "By the grace of God, we're able to level up the production value," Roumie notes. "It's bigger than Season 4. It's more action-packed and emotionally driven."

The use of visual effects has also expanded. "We're now able to afford visual effects in a way that we weren't in the first few seasons," he says. "Season 3, we started to get a little bit more money where we could be like, 'OK, let's walk on water.' And it's like, 'We can do that? Oh, I guess we can do that."

Some of the show's most visually stunning moments have been marked by divine intervention.

"There have been miracles throughout every phase of the filming of this series that just defy logic," Roumie reflects. "The show is better than all of us individually. What God has done with *The Chosen* is greater than any individual contribution."

A Season Like No Other: The Chosen's Most Powerful Chapter Yet

As anticipation builds for its theatrical release on Friday, Mar. 28, Roumie looks back at the journey with awe and deep gratitude.

"None of this is to my credit, it's all to His credit, and without Him and without His influence on my life, and the grace that He's shown me in allowing me to turn to Him in a way that that I'd never turned to Him before." For Roumie and the entire cast and crew, the process of bringing *The Chosen* to life has been more than just acting—it has been a spiritual mission, one that continues to impact audiences in profound ways.

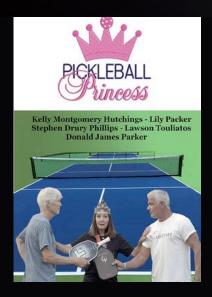
With its emotionally gripping story-telling, visually stunning production and deeply spiritual resonance, *The Chosen:* Last Supper promises to be the most powerful chapter yet. Every moment is carefully crafted to immerse viewers in the weight of Jesus' final days before the cross, delivering a portrayal that is as heartbreaking as it is breathtaking.

"I think a lot of people are going to be kind of shocked, because it's such a passionate display of God's longing for the righteousness of His people," Roumie concludes.

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RABBI JASON SOBEL BRINGS SHREWD UNDERSTANDING, SHARPENS WHOLE TEAM OF THE CHOSEN

he Last Supper stands as one of the most profound moments in the Gospels, serving as a bridge between the Jewish tradition of Passover and the establishment of Holy Communion. In Season 5 of *The Chosen*, this connection is brought to life with a level of depth and authenticity that allows audiences to grasp the full significance of the moment. Through the insights of Rabbi Jason Sobel and the creative storytelling of Dallas Jenkins, the show powerfully illustrates how Jesus, as the fulfillment of the Passover, transformed a historical Jewish observance into a divine ordinance for all believers.

Understanding Passover in The Chosen

Rabbi Jason Sobel, a Messianic Jewish scholar and key consultant for The Chosen, explains that the Last Supper was actually a Passover Seder—the traditional Jewish meal commemorating the Exodus. This meal, filled with rich symbolism, pointed directly to the coming Messiah. The cast of *The Chosen*, many of whom were unfamiliar with Jewish traditions, participated in a Passover Seder led by Rabbi Sobel to fully understand its significance. This firsthand experience deepened their portrayal of Jesus and the disciples, lending an authenticity to Season 5's depiction of the Last Supper.

"It was a fun opportunity, I actually went to Texas and with the majority of the cast we did a Passover Seder and actually walked through the Passover and showed how all of the different elements, ultimately pointed to Jesus as the Messiah," Sobel says.

One humorous yet profound anecdote from this experience was when Jonathan Roumie, who plays Jesus, attended the Passover meal at Rabbi Sobel's house. Sobel's young son turned to him and remarked, "Dad, it's really weird that Jesus is sitting at the table and you're leading the Passover." This moment of levity captured the deeply personal and transformative nature of this tradition

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with the unique blessing of sharing it with the cast.

The Symbolism of the Third **Cup and Communion**

A crucial element of the Passover Seder is the four cups of wine, each representing a different stage of Israel's redemption from Egypt. The third cup, known as the cup of redemption, is the very cup Jesus raised when He instituted Communion. This cup, tied to the threefold application of the Passover lamb's blood on the doorposts of Israelite homes in Egypt, directly correlates to Jesus' sacrifice. As Rabbi Sobel highlights, "The third cup is known as the Ula, the cup of redemption. And the reason it's the third cup, the cup of redemption, is that there were three sprinklings of the blood on the doorposts of the homes in Egypt. And so, the three sprinklings of blood connected to the third cup which then ties into the fact that Jesus was raising the third cup and saying, as the blood of

"YOU'RE GOING TO FALL IN LOVE with **Jesus** in ways that you HAVEN'T BEFORE."

multiple episodes. This approach allows viewers to see how Jesus' actions at the Seder reverberate throughout Passion Week, reinforcing the idea that every step He took was in fulfillment of the ultimate Passover.

The Deeper Meaning of **Passover Symbols**

One of the most striking symbols in the Passover Seder is the matzah, or unleavened bread. During the Seder, three pieces of matzah are placed in a special bag called a matzah tosh. The middle piece is broken, wrapped in linen, hidden and later redeemed by children in

was a profound moment of revelation. He recalls being astonished that everything he had observed in Jewish tradition as a child pointed directly to Jesus. This realization, he notes, is one that more Christians need to grasp in order to fully understand the depth of Jesus' fulfillment of the Old Testament, "And so as those connections were made. I was like, 'Wow!', I just became even more convinced that Yeshua Jesus was the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

The Stone Prophecy: Jesus as the Rock

Psalm 118, a key component of the Hallel Psalms sung during Passover, contains one of the most crucial Messianic prophecies: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," (Modern English Version). This verse is quoted multiple times in the New Testament and is central to Jesus' identity as the foundation of faith.

Rabbi Sobel explains that the concept of the "stone" goes back even further, to the Torah. When Jacob fled from Esau, he placed stones around his head for protection, saw the vision of the heavenly ladder and later anointed a single rock with oil. Iewish tradition holds that these stones miraculously became one, symbolizing the unity of God's anointed one. This rock, Sobel asserts, is a foreshadowing of the Messiah.

Even the Hebrew word for stone, evan, reveals deep theological truths. It consists of Aleph (symbolizing the Father), Ben (the Son), and Nun (the Holy Spirit, associated with the number 50—pointing to Pentecost). This beautifully illustrates the Trinity embedded within Hebrew Scripture.

The Role of Extra-Biblical Sources in Understanding Jesus

Some of the insights in The Chosen



the Passover lamb, this is a reminder it's me (Jesus), who is the Passover lamb, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." The number three often is linked to redemption: Jesus was crucified at the third hour, there were three crosses on Calvary and He rose on the third day.

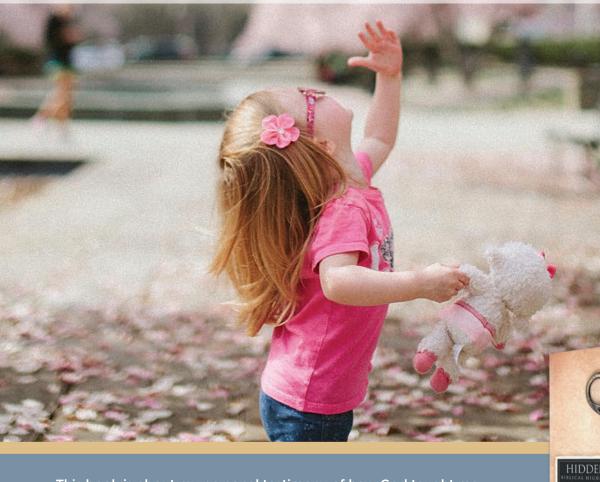
In Season 5 of The Chosen, the portrayal of the Last Supper is uniquely structured, interwoven throughout exchange for a reward. This middle piece, known as the afikoman, carries stunning prophetic significance. It represents Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, who was broken, buried and resurrected. The name afikoman can mean both "He came" and "He will come," alluding to Jesus' first and second comings.

When Rabbi Sobel first realized these connections as a Messianic believer, it



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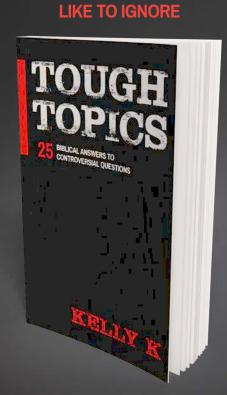
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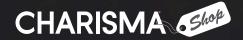


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draw from Jewish traditions outside of the Bible, which were part of Jesus' cultural framework. The New Testament itself references such traditions, including the book of Enoch and oral teachings known to the Jewish people of Jesus' time. Understanding these traditions provides deeper context for Jesus' words and actions.

Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians that "the rock that followed them was Christ" refers to a Jewish tradition that a rock miraculously provided water to Israel throughout their wilderness journey. Jesus later used this imagery when He declared Himself the source of living water. Such insights help modern audiences appreciate the profound depth of biblical imagery.

The Humanity and Divinity of Jesus in *The Chosen*

One of the standout elements of The Chosen is its portrayal of Jesus as fully divine yet profoundly human. Unlike traditional depictions where Jesus is distant and ethereal, Jonathan Roumie's portrayal makes Him approachable and deeply relatable. Rabbi Sobel emphasizes that this authenticity is crucial, as even little children were drawn to Jesus during His earthly ministry, saying of one of his favorite episodes, "I love Jesus and the little children and saying the Shema, I love that aspect. I thought it was such a fun episode." The Chosen masterfully balances His holiness with His humanity, making Him both awe-inspiring and endearing.

This relatability is critical for revival. Sobel argues that the church must reconnect with its Jewish roots to fully grasp the depth of Jesus' mission. The Gentile church has often distanced itself from the Jewishness of Jesus, but The Chosen is playing a vital role in restoring this sacred and timeless connection. Smith Wigglesworth once prophesied that the greatest revival before Jesus' return would be rooted in a revelation of the Word. Sobel believes that this revelation includes understanding Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament.

Impact of *The Chosen* on **Understanding Jesus**

As The Chosen continues to grow in

popularity, its impact extends beyond entertainment—it is transforming how people understand Jesus. Rabbi Sobel believes that this series is equipping believers with a more holistic view of the Messiah, one that honors both His Jewish heritage and His divine mission, "That's one thing that makes The Chosen unique, they're saying, 'Look, if we're going to do this, we have to do our best to portray Jesus in His actual historical, cultural, religious setting in which He lived and what He experienced," Sobel says. "So, it's authentic to who He was, because a lot of the Jesus versions out there are not authentic. Listen, Jesus did not have blonde hair and blue eves. OK? I mean, he didn't look like Ken of Ken and Barbie. And I think that's one of the reasons why people love Jonathan's portrayal of Jesus."

This respect for delivering deeper understanding to the audience is key to witnessing to the Jewish people, who have often been presented with a version of Jesus that lacks connection to their own traditions. As The Chosen continues its journey through the Gospels, it remains a powerful tool for bridging the historical and spiritual gap between Christianity and its Jewish roots.

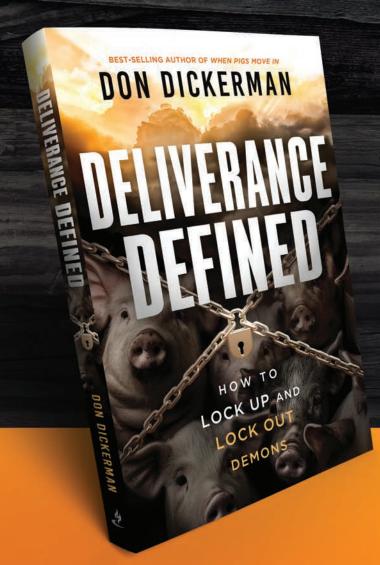
Season 5's portrayal of the Last Supper as the culmination of the Passover story in Holy Week is not just a creative retelling-it is a profound theological statement. Immersing viewers in the Jewish context of Jesus' final meal, The Chosen allows them to see the depth of God's redemptive plan in a way that is both intellectually enlightening and spiritually transformative.

Good Time to See All of *The Chosen*

To fully absorb and be blessed with the power of The Chosen: Last Supper, Rabbi Sobel points out the wonderfully obvious, go back and enjoy the blessing of the first four seasons, "I just want to encourage everybody, you got to see the whole thing all over again, but watch Season 1 and build up to it again. It's an event, it really is beneficial to watch it all over again, because you're going to see things that you didn't see before. You're going to fall in love with Jesus in ways that you haven't before."



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acclaim and widespread impact, *The Chosen* has shattered as many expectations as old patterns. More than just a television series, it has become a cultural and spiritual movement, introducing millions to the story of Jesus while deepening the faith of countless believers worldwide. Through the journeys of individuals like Brandon Snipe, creator of *The Chosen Sleuth* YouTube channel, and Brandon Robbins, a pastor-turned-digital disciple, the show's transformative power is undeniable. As the premier of Season 5, *The Chosen: Last Supper*, approaches, these two men exemplify how *The Chosen* is not just entertainment—it is a gateway to transformed faith, biblical study and a renewed sense of discipleship.

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From Skeptic to Superfan: How *The Chosen* Captivates Audiences

Both Snipe and Robbins began their journey with The Chosen from a place of initial hesitation. Snipe, having been disappointed by previous Christian media productions, assumed this series would be no different, "Every Christian show we ever watch, it's just boring. And so, my wife, though, is a big fan of Christian media, and that night, she's like, 'Let's watch it.' We get through the first couple episodes, I'm like, maybe there's something here." Robbins, a pastor struggling to connect his ministry with a broader audience, was glad to see The Chosen as beyond just another attempt at dramatizing the gospel, "One of the things that I think The Chosen has done for me and for so many other people is allow the Gospel to come to life in a way that enables us to see it a bit differently, and I would say a bit more faithfully than we have in the past."

Everything flipped when they gave it a chance. Snipe was captivated by Episode 3 of Season 1, which shattered his preconceptions about faith-based storytelling. Robbins, in turn, found himself drawn in by the show's historical and cultural authenticity, which resonated deeply with his passion for biblical teaching. Their journeys highlight a key aspect of *The Chosen's*

success—it transcends expectations and offers something profoundly real.

The Birth of The Chosen Sleuth and a Digital Ministry

Snipe's newfound passion for *The Chosen* led him to create content analyzing the series. His first video, *Big James Is Dead*, unexpectedly went viral, revealing a hunger for in-depth analysis, Easter eggs and Scriptural insights related to the show. Meanwhile, Robbins found that his deep dives into *The Chosen's* biblical and historical context struck a chord with viewers, transforming his struggling YouTube channel into a thriving digital ministry.

Their experiences reflect a larger trend: *The Chosen* is not merely a show, it is a spark for conversation, study and discipleship. *The Chosen* is now a cultural force changing lives for the better. The series has spurred a wave of digital evangelism, with creators, pastors and everyday believers using it as a launching pad for deeper discussions about Jesus.

A New Understanding of Discipleship: The Call of Jesus

One of the most profound ways *The Chosen* reshapes viewers' faith is through its portrayal of discipleship. Both Snipe and Robbins were struck by the way the show depicts Jesus calling His followers. Peter, a brash fisherman, and Matthew, a despised

tax collector, are chosen not because of their worthiness but because of Jesus' grace. This portrayal challenged both men's understanding of what it means to follow Christ.

Robbins, who had always viewed discipleship as a set of religious practices, realized that *The Chosen* was revealing something deeper—discipleship is about radical surrender. It's about leaving everything behind to walk with Jesus, just as His first-century followers did. For Snipe, this understanding deepened his own commitment to ministry, leading him to use his platform to bring biblical insights to a growing audience.

Seeing the Bible Through First-Century Eyes

One of *The Chosen's* greatest strengths is its immersive experience for audiences into the Jewish culture of Jesus' time. Robbins, whose studies were influenced by books like *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*, found that the show brought these historical lessons to life in a way that traditional Bible study alone did not.

For example, the phrase "Come, follow me" takes on new significance when understood in its historical context. In first-century Judaism, discipleship meant total commitment—it was not just about learning from a rabbi but literally living within his footsteps. Through *The Chosen*, viewers see how revolutionary Jesus' invitation truly

was. Robbins emphasizes that this insight has deepened his appreciation of Scripture and has encouraged others to approach the Bible with fresh eyes.

Community Over Individualism: Rediscovering Biblical Faith

Another striking theme in *The Chosen* is its emphasis on communal faith. In Western Christianity, faith is often seen as an individual pursuit, but *The Chosen* reintroduces the biblical reality of faith as a shared experience.

The healing of the paralytic is a prime example. Jesus doesn't credit the man's faith but the faith of his friends who lowered him through the roof. This scene, Robbins notes, reflects the collectivist nature of first-century Jewish society, where righteousness and faith were communal responsibilities. Both Robbins and Snipe have been inspired by this message, encouraging their audiences to see faith as something that binds believers together rather than isolates them.

The Emotional and Spiritual Weight of *The Chosen's* Future Seasons

As *The Chosen* gears up for Season 5, both men anticipate one of the most emotionally and theologically complex seasons yet. With the depiction of the Last Supper, Jesus' confrontation in the temple and Judas' impending betrayal, the stakes are higher than ever.

Snipe, in particular, emphasizes that the show's handling of Judas' betrayal will be crucial. If done well, it will reinforce the weight of Jesus' sacrifice and the gravity of human free will. Robbins, meanwhile, sees the upcoming season as an opportunity for viewers to spiritually prepare for the intensity of Jesus' final days. The ending of Season 5—leading into an even darker Season 6—will likely test the faith of viewers in profound ways.

Personal Encounters with God: Miracles and Wilderness Moments

Beyond its storytelling, *The Chosen* resonates with viewers' personal faith journeys. Robbins recounts a transformative moment in his own

life—hiking in the Negev desert, struggling with severe knee pain and experiencing a sudden, miraculous healing, "I was like, I don't know how I'm gonna walk. Like, Lord, I just need a miracle. And as I was hiking, I just had this moment where I'm just asking 'God, what do I do?' What do I do?' And God says, 'Just take it off. Take off the brace.' And from that moment forward, I did not have one ounce of pain for the rest of the trip. And for me, it was this powerful moment of realizing, God is in this wilderness and healing happens in this wilderness."

This moment mirrored the biblical theme of God meeting His people in the wilderness. Just as the disciples encounter Jesus in their darkest moments, *The Chosen* invites viewers to recognize God's presence in their own struggles.

Snipe, too, has seen how the show inspires real-life encounters with God, "I really hope that this [Season 5: *The Chosen: Last Supper*] brings people to a place where they can dive deep into what God has for them in their lives, and that they can learn to trust Him and learn to seek out truth, that's what I really hope, for sure."

Countless viewers have shared testimonies of renewed faith, deeper prayer lives, a freshly invigorated hunger to know Jesus more and even miraculous experiences sparked by watching *The Chosen*. It is more than entertainment—it is an invitation to meet Jesus anew.

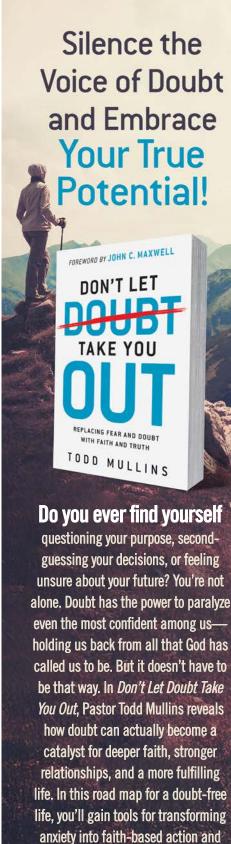
How Has *The Chosen* Changed You?

For Snipe, Robbins and millions of viewers worldwide, *The Chosen* is more than a television series—it is a catalyst for transformation. It has reignited biblical study, reshaped understandings of discipleship and blossomed into a global faith community.

As the show continues to unfold, its impact is undeniable. It calls viewers to seek Jesus not just as a historical figure but as a living presence who transforms lives.

The question remains: *How has The Chosen changed you?*

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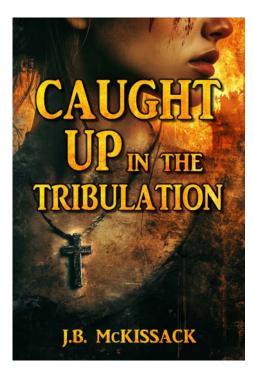
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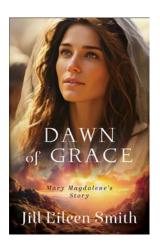
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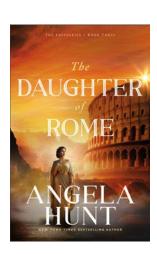
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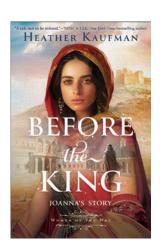
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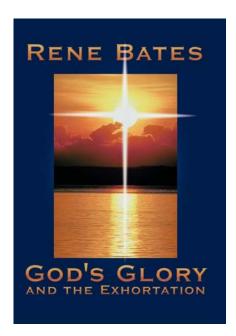


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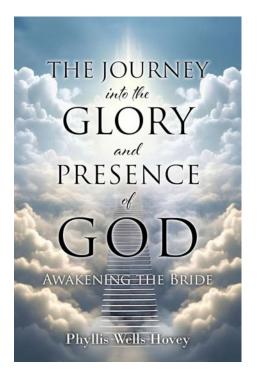
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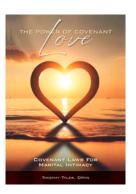
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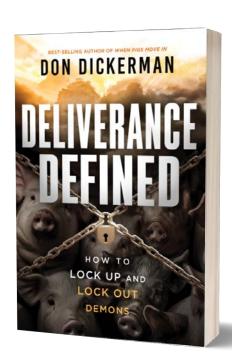
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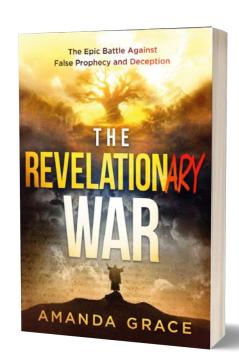
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We are actively mistaking false prophets for prophetic ministers. In Amanda Grace's new book, *The Revelationary War*, she presents a constructive, confrontational warning for today's Christians: Now more than ever, the body of Christ needs to be discerning of what is true and what is false. The modern prophetic movement is in the here and now, and your readers must be equipped with the spiritual means to expose counterfeits. While reading this step-by-step guide, your readers will not only be able to recognize true prophecy but also hear from God in the unique way that He speaks to them. Let Amanda Grace act as their trusted guide as they learn to distinguish between messages from heaven and those tainted by earthly, occultic, or other influences.

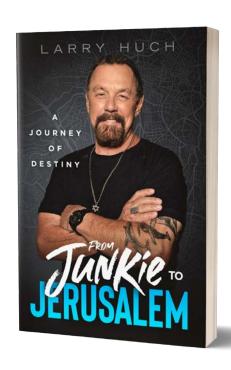
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FROM JUNKIE TO JERUSALEM by Larry Huch

God can take you from wherever you are to beyond what you could ever imagine. From a drug addict to a prominent pastor and ardent advocate for Israel and the Jewish people, Pastor Larry Huch's testimony is all about hope and overcoming. Delving into Huch's tumultuous past, From *Junkie to Jerusalem* details his abusive background, explains his struggles with anger and addiction, and highlights the profound spiritual awakening that led him to leave behind his former life and embrace Christianity. However, this is not just one man's story—This is a story of what God can do with the least of us. It's a story of miracles and being faithful with a little and watching God multiply the loaves and fishes we give Him. Ultimately, this book will give your readers hope that regardless of their current situation, God has a miracle in the works.

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Refresh Your Spirit



THE MYSTERY OF THE RED HEIFER by Mondo Gonzales

One of the most significant yet enigmatic symbols in biblical prophecy is the red heifer. The existence of a perfect red heifer is seen as a sign that the final events foretold in the Book of Revelation—including the rise of the Antichrist, the great tribulation, and Jesus' return—are on the horizon. In Mondo Gonzales's book, *The Mystery of the Red Heifer*, he investigates their prophetic significance and the extraordinary events that could soon follow. Drawing on insights from prominent prophecy teachers, this book will open the eyes of your readers about end-time events.

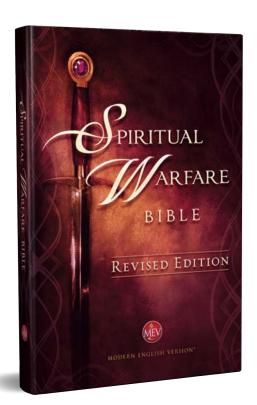
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HOW TO CAST OUT DEMONS by Isaiah Saldivar

The call to cast out demons is not for a select few; it is for every believer. At the end of 2020, revivalist Isaiah Saldivar had a visitation from the Holy Spirit in which He told him in so many words, "Isaiah, the church is unprepared and untrained in spiritual warfare; I want you to teach on casting out demons and spiritual warfare." In his book, How to Cast Out Demons, Saldivar helps Christians who know they should be doing deliverance but don't know how to go about it. Their journey starts today.

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SPIRITUAL WARFARE BIBLE REVISED EDITION by Charisma House

The MEV Spiritual Warfare Bible Is Back! The Spiritual Warfare Bible Revised Edition, using the Modern English Version, will help readers to become prepared and equipped to engage in spiritual warfare. It is designed to help readers use the Bible to access the power of the Holy Spirit against demonic strongholds and activity. With engaging study materials from Christian leaders and best-selling authors, this Bible is perfect for both individual study and small groups. Features include the following: Spiritual Warfare Declarations—More than 250 one-sentence declarations and prayers; Spiritual Warfare Basics—More than 200 tips for effective spiritual warfare; Lessons From God's Warriors—Character profiles from the Old and New Testaments; and Articles and Interactive Study Features—Deeper teaching and application on spiritual warfare.

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The Epic Battle Against False Prophecy and Deception

AMANDA GRACE

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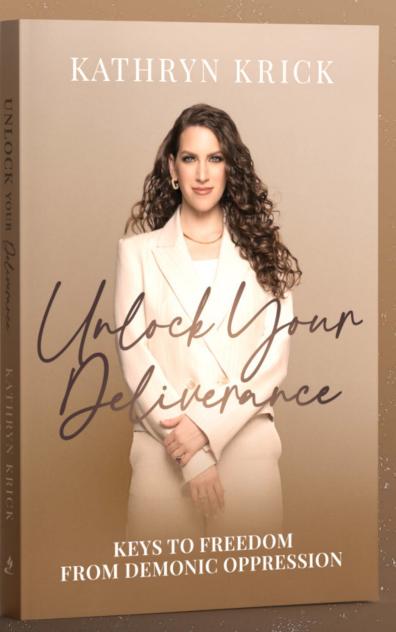
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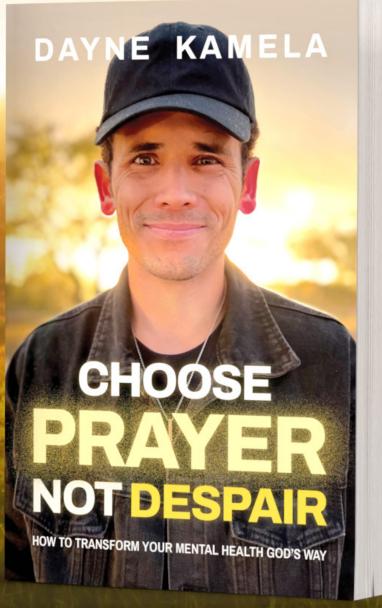
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