

Twelve qualities that make *The Jesus Study* unique

“Bible Study 1.0”—with its cognitive, all-talk, either text-heavy or once-over-lightly approach—is what many of us grew up with and loved. But that is not cutting it for the next generation, who instead seek visual learning via YouTube, video games, zoom, and webinar broadcasts on our devices. This visual experience has completely taken over our lives, shrunk our attention spans, and, yes, become the basis of most learning for every generation.

Into this milieu, enter “Bible Study 2.0,” aka, *The Jesus Study*. Which asks the question:

What makes The Jesus Study different?

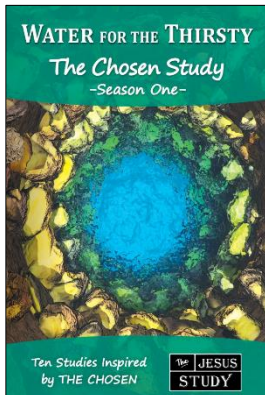
Our initial answer is simply this: Integrating film or video with Scripture.

Films such as *The Chosen*, *The Life of Jesus* (John’s Gospel), *RISEN*, and *Paul: Apostle of Christ*—each with the underlying Scriptures crafted into a ten-week experience.

To that jumping-off point, we add two distinctives: “Jesus-centeredness” and an “Alpha approach to outreach.” Those foundational traits are seen in 12 qualities common to Jesus Studies. This distinctive blend makes for a unique Bible study and God-encountering experience which:

1. *Is designed to be Jesus-centered* from start to finish in the personal study and discussion process.
2. *Establishes “beyond-fellowship” communities*, intentionally combining discipleship with evangelism.
3. *Grows Jesus-followers into group leaders* with dialogical facilitating skills and an outreach-priority.
4. *Forms a core group that prays and prepares* to lead all aspects of outreach and the group process.
5. *Offers a skeptic- and seeker-friendly environment* conducive to inviting non-churched friends.
6. *Encourages food inclusion at each gathering* to facilitate connection among group members.
7. *Combines film with complementary Scripture* to make the learning process very contemporary.
8. *Embeds all Old & New Testament texts* into the study guides for convenience & ready reference.
9. Teaches direct inductive Bible study with the use of a *four-colored BIC pen to mark up* the texts.
10. Summarizes the learning process at the end with a *fun and memorable (paper) T-Shirt Design*.
11. Provides the opportunity to go deeper through *Home Reflection and Video Insights sections*.
12. Encourages group leaders to help their members *lead future Jesus Studies with their friends*.

Jesus Study Guide Resources

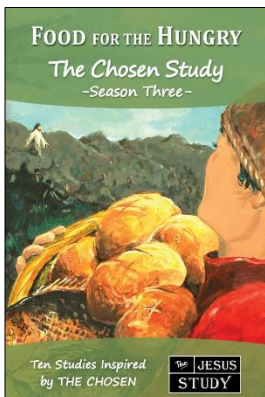
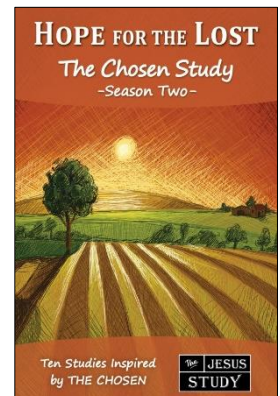


THE CHOSEN SERIES

The Chosen Study: Season One, focuses on Simon, Matthew, Andrew, Nicodemus, and Mary Magdalene as they encounter Jesus. This guide, based on the hugely popular show, *The Chosen*, will give you and your group an in-depth appreciation of their unexpected changes of fortune in getting to know him.

The Chosen Study: Season Two, guides you and your group into Act Two of Jesus' life and ministry with his followers unsure of where this is all going.

Here we meet the remaining disciples, such as Nathanael, who is despondent over a career in shambles, only to be given a new vocation by Jesus. Besides him, there are a host of others with physical, mental, emotional infirmities, and demon-possession that, up to now, have been impossible to overcome.

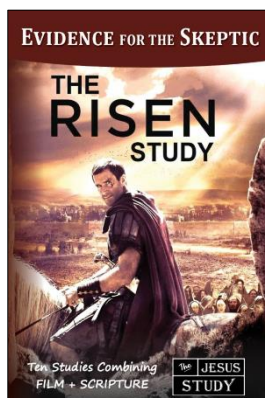
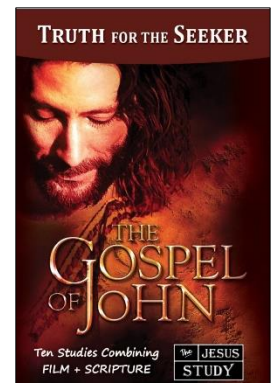


The Chosen Study: Season Three, picks up where season two ended, with the famous *Sermon on the Mount*. This sermon sets the stage for the disciples taking a deeper look into their own lives to apply Jesus' teaching and ends with the *Feeding of the 5000*.

THE BIBLE SERIES

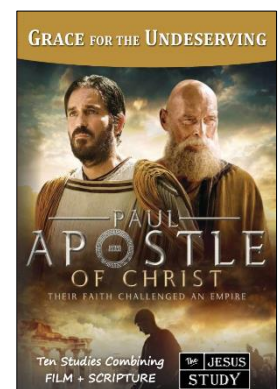
We're spoiled by *The Chosen*, but there are other quality, biblical movies, and *Jesus films* which we have adapted in a similar way as *The Chosen Study* to the WATCH > DISCOVER > RELATE process.

The JOHN Study is based on the 2003 movie entitled *The Life of Jesus*. This three-hour film is a word-for-word portrayal of John's Gospel from the *Good News Bible* translation and enables groups to get through John's Gospel in ten weeks.



The RISEN Study is based on a 2016 film entitled *RISEN*. This study follows the movie which begins with Jesus' death on the cross. Pontius Pilate posts guards at the tomb site to ensure rumors of "a resurrection" don't take hold in Jerusalem. When the tomb ends up empty, Pilate's tribune, Clavius, is tasked with finding the body. In the process Clavius finds much more.

The PAUL Study is based on a 2018 film entitled *Paul: Apostle of Christ*. This study follows the movie with Paul in a Roman prison near the end of his life. Other believers in Rome struggle with intensely hostile authorities toward them as well. Luke, Paul's former traveling companion, is desperate to find Paul and to help him get a written record of God's work through him out to the world he will soon leave behind.

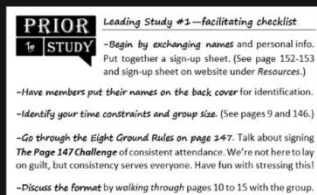


Each Guide Section Enhances Your Experience

Jesus Study guides maximize the **WATCH > DISCOVER > RELATE** process as follows:

- PRIOR To Study** helps group leaders prepare
 - INTRO** describes the situation and characters
 - WATCH** with questions for learning and discussion
 - DISCOVER** truths from complementary Bible passages
 - RELATE** insights from the episode and passage to your life
 - T-SHIRT DESIGN** to summarize biggest takeaways in a slogan
- NOTES** on textual commentary and historical background
- REAL But REALISTIC?** calls out the show's use of artistic license
- HOME REFLECTION** follows up with further journaling and prayer
- VIDEO INSIGHTS** includes themes out of the study from Bible teachers

PRIOR TO STUDY: For Leaders



This section helps current (and future) leaders to prep for the studies.

INTRO to Episode & Passage



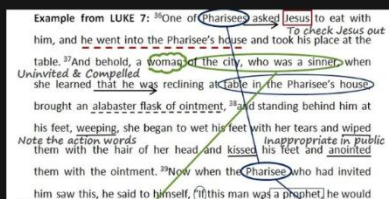
Descriptions of the characters who appear and what to *Look For* in the texts.

WATCH Episode Together



Watch at home and then together. To CAST from a phone to Smart TV, [go here](#).

DISCOVER with W Questions



MARK UP complementary passages with a four color BIC pen (see [here](#)).

RELATE Insights & T-SHIRT Design



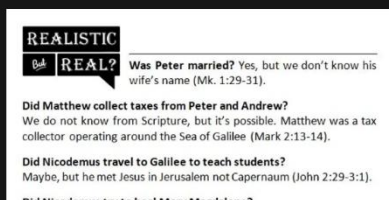
Apply insights from the episode and passage you study with your group.

NOTES on the Study



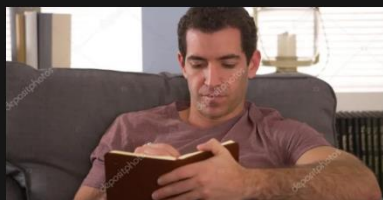
The NOTES provide textual commentary and historical background.

REALISTIC But REAL?



This fun section "calls out" The Chosen's use of creative artistic license. See [here](#).

HOME REFLECTION



Journaling, Commitments, Prayer in response on your own.

VIDEO Insights



Each study ends with a video suggestion and a "T-shirt" design opportunity.



How to lead & promote your group

Though years in the making, *The Jesus Study* came together on May 28, 2021, in a Zoom call with some gifted Bible study leaders. Get in on that call and learn to lead in the process: tinyurl.com/lead-your-study



Those Zoom calls continued, led by Bill Syrios with his new-found colleagues. This next recorded call focused on effective means of promoting groups to new people: tinyurl.com/promote-your-study

Get us involved on Zoom or in person

The Jesus Study is a 2.0 “evangelizing discipleship” experience. What do we mean by that? ***In a nutshell we combine film with Mark-It-Up Scripture study and invite our non-church friends to join us.*** To help you excel at doing this we’d like to have you join us on Zoom... OR...



We could also arrange to travel and meet up with you and your leadership team. We are serious about training and will work out what we can to assure you are equipped. Such help will give you a strong running start to your efforts.

Our goal is help churches and leaders be successful at reaching out and creating an adept and friendly place to talk about Jesus.

Yes, that’s our calling card! Please visit us at jesusstudy.org. You can also email us at info@jesusstudy.org or call at 407.476.3226.

