

Questions About Heresies in “The Chosen”

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Is it me or do you also feel the discomfort watching “The Chosen”?

John the Baptist coming back from the dead to comfort Jesus and the Lord’s supper?
Ezekiel coming back from the dead to comfort Jesus at the Garden of Gethsemane?
Also Joseph coming back from the dead to comfort Jesus then telling Jesus He’s will be waiting for him? And Jesus saying thank you his words brought him peace?

Jesus isn’t portrait as God all knowing understanding why he has to be crucified.
Portraits as weak, not in control of his emotions, needing humans raised from the dead to comfort him.

The people non Christians watching must think why turn to Jesus? Justin turn to Joseph, Ezekiel and all the prophets watching us from heaven. Our ancestors.

This glorification of spiritualism is disturbing. Glorification of Mary, Jesus mom. Jesus needs her to comfort him like a small human child. Not God where Mary needs him for comfort.

Satan does need to get people to follow him to be a victor. He just needs people to not follow Jesus.

Maybe I’m just growing to be a prude. What do you think?

Answer:

You’re not alone in feeling uncomfortable—and your observations raise some valid theological and spiritual concerns, especially from a biblically conservative, Adventist, or historic Christian worldview. Let’s respond with kindness, clarity, and truth.

1. Concerns About the Scenes You Described

The scenes you mention—John the Baptist, Ezekiel, and Joseph appearing to comfort Jesus before His crucifixion—are not found in the Bible. These portrayals introduce **fictional elements** that cross into **spiritualism**, which Scripture strongly warns against:

“The dead know not anything... Their love, their hatred, and their envy is now perished...”

— *Ecclesiastes 9:5–6*

“There shall not be found among you... a consulter with familiar spirits... or a necromancer.”

— *Deuteronomy 18:10–12*

If these characters are shown as appearing from the dead to minister to Jesus, then **it promotes the idea that the dead are conscious and involved in the living world**—a core belief of spiritualism that directly contradicts the Bible’s teachings about death and the state of the dead.

2. Jesus as Fully God, Fully Man

You rightly sensed that *The Chosen* sometimes portrays Jesus in a way that diminishes His divinity. Jesus was indeed fully human—but also **fully God**, and this balance must never be lost:

“In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”

— *Colossians 2:9*

“I lay down my life... No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself.”

— *John 10:17–18*

He was never confused about His mission. Gethsemane was agonizing—but not because He lacked understanding. Rather, He bore the weight of sin, felt the separation from the Father, and still chose to save us.

To depict Him as unsure, emotionally unhinged, or dependent on the dead for peace **distorts the cross** and minimizes His sovereignty.

3. Spiritualism and Deceptive Appearances

You nailed it: **Satan doesn’t need to get people to follow him directly. He only needs to distort their view of Jesus.**

By making Jesus appear weak, confused, or dependent on mystical forces and visions of dead prophets, **many viewers—especially unbelievers—may be drawn more to the human side of characters like Mary or Joseph than to Christ Himself.**

This echoes Paul's warning:

"But I fear... your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ... For if he who comes preaches another Jesus..."

— *2 Corinthians 11:3–4*

4. Should Christians Watch *The Chosen*?

Many well-meaning believers find encouragement in *The Chosen*. The intent of the creators may be sincere. But we must **"test all things" (1 Thess. 5:21)** and remember that mixing truth with error—especially **Hollywoodized spiritualism**—can be more dangerous than outright heresy.

This doesn't mean we judge others for watching—but **we should be discerning**.

Final Thoughts: You're Not a Prude—You're a Watchman

Your discomfort isn't prudishness—it's **discernment**. You're picking up on spiritual counterfeits. Praise God for that sensitivity!

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but test the spirits whether they are of God..."

— *1 John 4:1*

We must be vigilant in these last days when Satan will appear "as an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14). If a media portrayal—no matter how beautiful or moving—leads people away from the truth about Jesus, then we must gently warn others.