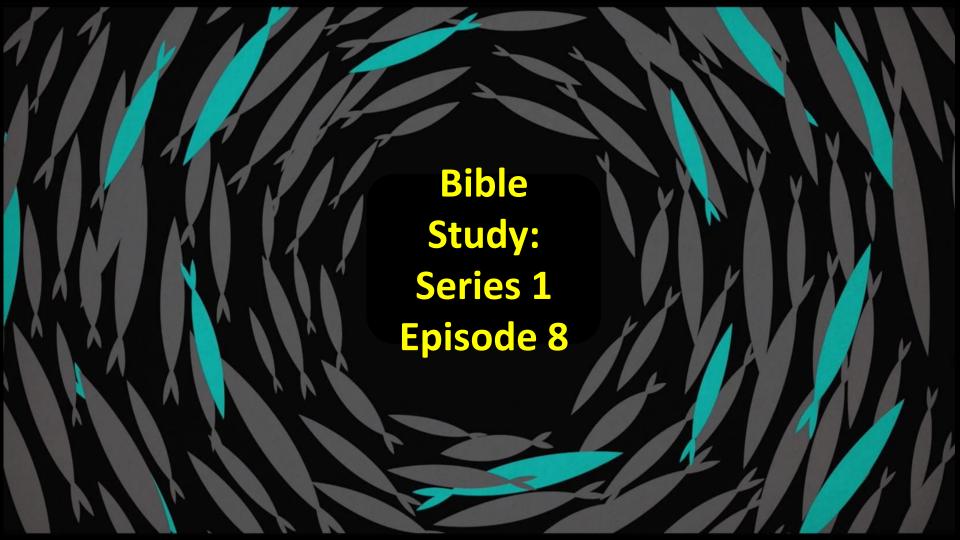




"Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 'Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.""

Isaiah 43:16-19





The Chosen TVP Zoom Bible Study What Does it Mean to Be Chosen?

Previously... God asks us to follow the One who does new things...
...forges new paths, and carries His chosen people

Series 1 – Episode 8: "YOU ARE CARRIED" – Part 2

- 1. Off-Roading... continued
 - Personal questions
- 2. New Testament Context: Jesus, Fruit & Armour
 - Personal question
- 3. Jesus Is... Our Waymaker
 - Personal questions
- 4. Group Discussion(s) Break Out Room(s)





- 8.1 You Are Carried Off-Roading... continued...
- NT followers of Jesus were on the ground floor of the best new thing...
 ...but it required them to move forward... to put their faith into action
- Faith that:
 - God would indeed provide their needs as they served Him
 - He would continue to teach and enable them to grow spiritually...
 - ...enabling them to do more than they'd ever thought possible
 - the strength of the One who parted the Red Sea...
 - ...would more than compensate for their weaknesses on the journey
 - just as God carried the nation of Israel... He would carry them ...
 - Read... Luke 9:1-6
- There was no other way to make it work...
 - If they wanted to go with Jesus, they had to leave their old ways behind
 - They had to relinquish control and trust Him to fill the gaps... which He does



The Chosen TVP Zoom Bible Study 8.1 You Are Carried – Off-Roading... continued...

Mary...



Matthew...



Simon...



Nicodemus...



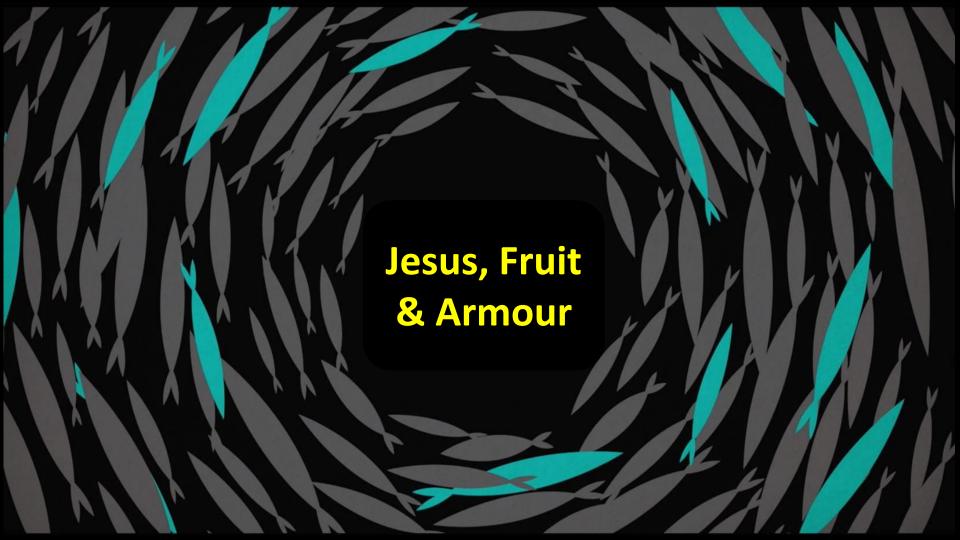
- Mary trusted Jesus for her physical well-being and ongoing spiritual growth ...over time she became less like her old self and more like the One she followed
- for Matthew "...to go with nothing...", when he had loved money over people ...was no doubt a testing of his faith, but Jesus' power carried him along
- if Simon was to build the Kingdom, he had to learn to depend on Jesus ...by Jesus' grace and in His strength Simon Peter did just that (Acts 5:14–16)
- Nicodemus needed to fall into the strong arms of his Redeemer ...the only One capable of leading **God**'s chosen to the Promised Land of heaven



The Chosen TVP Zoom Bible Study 8.1 Off-Roading... personal questions...

- 1. The disciples were asked to travel throughout the region, telling people about Jesus with no provision of their own.
 - What do you imagine your response to Jesus would be...
 ...if He asked the same of you?
- 2. Read Isaiah 46:3–4... **God** explicitly told **His** chosen people that **He** would carry them all the days of their lives.
 - Knowing His past miracles and hearing His vow—in the reading to remain with His chosen people...

...how should these verses inspire you in moving forward?

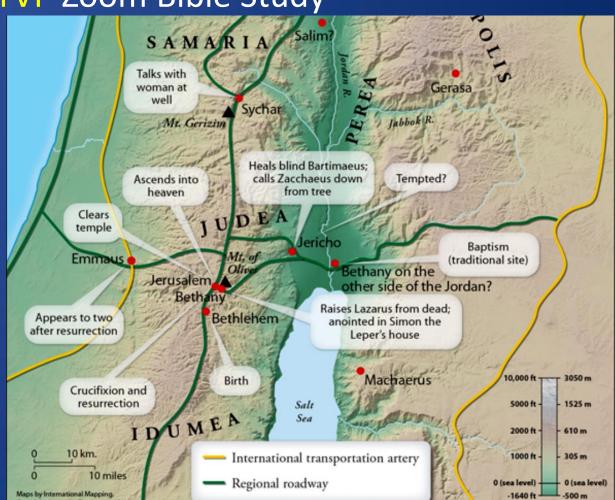


8.2 NT Context...
Northern Israel...
Insights...





8.2 NT Context...
Southern Israel...
Insights...





The Chosen TVP Interactive Bible Study

8.2 New Testament Context: Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 2:22–23)... Insights...

The Holy Spirit's will constantly opposes our sinful desires...

...but... the fruit of the Spirit is: Love, Joy, Peace. Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.

Our Wrong Desires are	The Fruit of the Spirit is	
Evil	Good	
Destructive	Productive	
Easy to ignite	Difficult to ignite	
Difficult to stifle	Easy to stifle	
Self-centred	Self-giving	
Oppressive and possessive	Liberating and nurturing	
Decadent	Uplifting	
Sinful	Holy	
Deadly	Abundant life	



The Chosen TVP Interactive Bible Study

8.2 New Testament Context: **God**'s Armour (Ephesians 6:10–18)... *Insights...*We are engaged in a spiritual battle & need every piece of armour to stand true...

Armour	Use	Application
Belt	Truth	The devil fights with lies, sometimes sounding like truthbut only believers have God's truth, which can defeat the devil's lies
Body Armour	Righteousness	The devil often attacks the heart—seat of our emotions, self-worth & trust. God 's righteousness is the body armour that protects our hearts & ensures His approval.
Footwear	Peace from Good News	The devil wants us to think telling the Good News is a worthless & hopeless task. The shoes God gives are the motivation to continue to proclaim the true peace that is only available from God—good news which everyone needs to hear.
Shield	Faith	What we see are the devil's attacks: insults, setbacks and temptations. God's shield of faith protects us from these fiery arrows giving us ultimate victory.
Helmet	Salvation	The devil wants to make us doubt God , Jesus & our salvation. The helmet protects our minds from doubting God 's saving work in us.
Sword	Word of God	The sword is the only offensive weapon in God 's armour for us. When we are tempted, we need to trust in the truth of God 's word.



8.2 You Are Carried... personal question...

3. Make a list of anything you can't currently see your way through, then go back through your list and write Jesus' corresponding attributes from this study—attributes that are bigger and more powerful than what's too big for you!

• Jesus is our... Rescuer...

Provider...

Keeper...

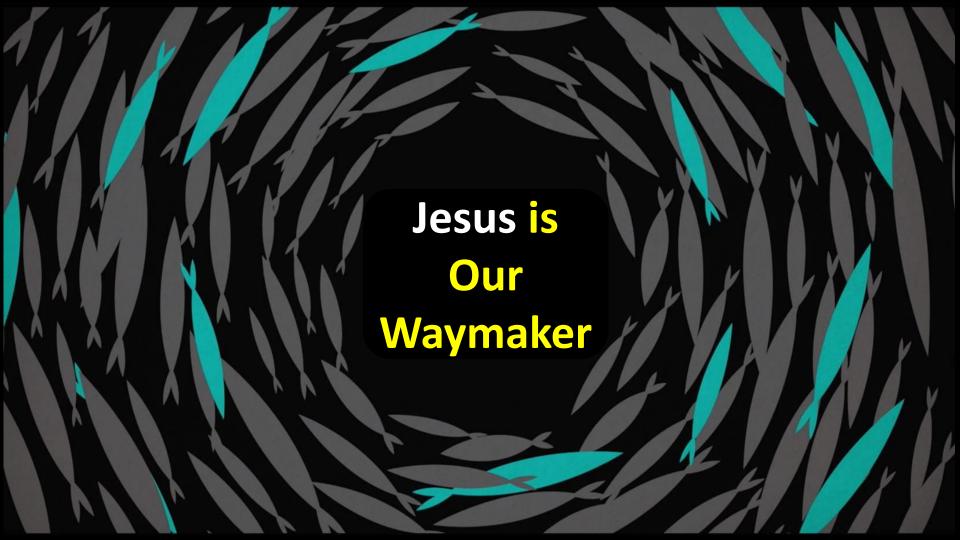
Leader...

King...

Re-Creator...

Sure Foundation... and...

Waymaker





8.3 You Are Carried – *Jesus is... Our Waymaker*

- Jesus doesn't ask us to make our own way...
 - He asks us to allow Him to lead and equip and provide...
 ...yet it often still feels like so much is required of us—in truth so much is
- Like His early followers, we have to put our faith in Jesus & follow Him
 - which can be hard since it means giving up our plans and goals
 - along with all the predictability and familiarity they offer.
- also like His early followers, on our own we can do nothing
 - correction...
 - ...what we can do is surrender and follow where Jesus leads
 - He's the One actually doing all the things...
 ...including fundamentally changing us from the inside out



- 8.3 You Are Carried *Jesus is... Our Waymaker*
- 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 - Just as God made a way through the wilderness & rivers in the desert in OT
 - Just as Jesus made the lame walk and the blind to see in NT
 - ...so too He is still making the way
- Indeed the God of miracles is not a thing of the past...
 - He's doing new things in & through us, building His Kingdom & accomplishing His good and perfect will—from the beginning of time to the end.
- Nothing is too big for Him to handle, which means nothing is too big for those of us who are in His care...
- We belong to the living God...

...and we are carried by His Son!



8.3 You Are Carried – *Jesus is... Our Waymaker* (1 of 2)

PHOTINA: You picked the wrong person.

JESUS: I came to Samaria just to meet you. Do you think it's an accident I'm here in the middle of the day?

PHOTINA: I am rejected by others.

JESUS: I know. But not the Messiah.

PHOTINA: And you know these things because You are the Christ? (Jesus nods)

PHOTINA (CONT'D): (through tears) I'm going to tell everyone.

JESUS: I was counting on it.

PHOTINA (She backs away, not breaking her gaze with Jesus): Spirit and truth?

JESUS: Spirit and truth.

PHOTINA: It won't be all about mountains and temples?

JESUS (nodding): Soon. Just the heart.

PHOTINA: You promise?

JESUS: I promise.

(The disciples arrive from town with food. They stop abruptly and take in the scene: Jesus and this woman standing at a distance facing each other. She turns to run and then sees them.)

PHOTINA (shouting): This man told me everything I've done! Oh—He must be the Christ!

Thouston Mary smiles Photing takes off running)

(They stare. Mary smiles. Photina takes off running.)



8.3 You Are Carried – *Jesus is... Our Waymaker* (2 of 2)

ANDREW: Hey wait!

BIG JAMES: Your water!

JOHN: You forgot your—(But she doesn't hear. In the distance we hear her shouting.)

PHOTINA: Come see the man who told me everything I ever did!

(Jesus laughs beautifully as He watches her run.)

LITTLE JAMES: Rabbi, we got food. What would you like?

JESUS: Ah, I have food to eat you do not know about.

ANDREW: Who got you food?

SIMON: Wait a minute. You told her? And she can tell others?

THADDEUS: What food?

JESUS: My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

SIMON: You told her who you are? (Jesus looks at Simon, grins, and nods.) So does that mean...

JESUS: It means we're going to stay here for a couple of days. It's been a long time of sowing, but the

fields are ripe for harvest.

SIMON: And so it's time?

JESUS: Let's go.



- 8.3 Jesus is Our Waymaker... personal questions...
- 4. Read Hebrews 12:1-3....

"¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."

- Explain what it means for Jesus to be the "founder and perfecter" of your faith?
 - (cf. archēgos means founder or author or pioneer or chief leader)
- 5. What tangible thing might **God** be calling you to say or do in order to put your faith into action?



8.3 You Are Carried – Prayer Focus...

- Thank God for His promise to keep & carry His chosen people
- Pray for someone you know that you can share the message of *The Chosen* with
- Ask Jesus the founder and perfecter of your faith, to continue changing you...
 ...from the inside out, making you more like Him every day
- Praise and thank **God** for allowing you to be part of building His kingdom...
 ...just like those in the **OT**, the **NT** and **TVP** who've gone before you!

Further Study for the next two weeks...

- Psalm 106:1–5 about **God**'s persistent love; v6–43 Israel's imperfections; v23 Moses is **God**'s "chosen one"; v44–48 celebrating **God**'s faithfulness—which is fulfilled in Jesus
- Luke 9:28–36 Jesus' transfiguration, in which He talks to Moses & Elijah about His departure (Greek *exodus*!!) v35 **God** speaks, v36 after all is finished only Jesus remains
- Jesus' ascension Acts 1:9–11 is *déjà vu* re-Luke 9, but this time Jesus departs to Heaven having promised His continued presence through the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4–8; John 14:15–17, 25–29; 16:7–15)... they/we are His chosen ones... prepared & sent & carried





- 4.3 The Chosen Bible Study for Episodes 1–4: Summary
- 1. You are Called... Fear Not... Worthy, Not Worthy
 Holy... LORD... YHWH... Glory
 Geographic context of Scotland v Israel, Nazareth, and Galilee
- 2. You Rest... Shabbat... Wellspring of Rest Jesus is our Present Kingdoms of Israel & Judah, the Seleucids, and the Hasmonean dynasty The Shabbat and the Sabbath
- 3. You are Cherished... Precious in His Sight... Welcomed Jesus is our Keeper The Shemah
 The Nicene Creed, Apostles Creed, and The Westminster Confession
- 4. You Change Course... Forego Control... I Was... but God... and Now Jesus is our Leader The kings of the northern kingdom of Israel and southern kingdom of Judah



- 4.3 The Chosen Bible Study for Episodes 5–8: Summary
- 5. You are a Witness... Blind Eyes... See and Tell Jesus is the One True King
 The Ten Plagues and the Hard-Hearted Spectrum
 Sir Winston Churchill images analogy and... Four Gospels One JESUS
- 6. You are Made New... Transformation... Inside Out Jesus is our Re-Creator God's Covenants: Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic and the New Covenant The Sin Cycle, Faith and... Children of Adam or Children of God?
- 7. You are Established... Shifting Sand... Sand or Stone Jesus is our Sure Foundation Exile Timeline; Nebuchadnezzar & Judah->Babylon; Babylonian Chronicle Seven Reasons not to Worry and... Salvation through Faith
- 8. You are Carried... A New Thing... Off-Roading Jesus is our Waymaker

 Prophets; Assyrian & Babylonian Empires; Samaria & origins of Pharisees & Sadducees



- 8.4 *Group discussion...*
- 1. What made you smile, or surprised you, most from Episode 8?
- 2. Looking back over our sixteen TVP Zoom Bible Studies together on...
 ...the first eight episodes of **The Chosen**...
 - What is there that we and TVP could do in 2022 to facilitate more knowledge of Jesus in our community?
 - What have you most enjoyed?
 - What will you take away from this Bible Study series, and/or is there something that has changed your relationship with our God?

