

RECOMMENDED WATCH: THE CHOSEN

A series about Jesus and the people He chooses to follow Him. The opening scene of most episodes sets the tone for the episode and often harkens back to the Old Testament to show how God has been preparing His People for the promised Messiah. Jesus is the fulfillment of that promise and reveals the fullness of that promise of salvation that was merely hinted at in many Old Testament prophecies and passages.

This month, we explore the second season of "The Chosen" and highlight some favorite episodes.

THE BFC THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT'S FAVORITE EPISODES FROM SEASON 3:

SEASON 3, EPISODE 8:

"One of the great things about this episode is that it beautifully illustrates how Jesus cares for both our physical and spiritual needs. He feeds us with "bread" that nourishes our bodies as a foreshadowing of the "heavenly bread" — a.k.a. The Eucharist — that nourishes our souls.

Another wonderful moment in this episode is the scene when Jesus walks on the water in the middle of the night as the apostles struggle on the stormy sea. Peter's impetuous nature is on full display as he invites Jesus to call him to walk on the water. Peter is full of vim and vigor but he is also weak. When he falters in his faith, Jesus reaches out and rescues him. When our faith is weak Jesus reaches out to rescue us as well!"

— Mr. Ken Pullis

SEASON 3, EPISODE 3:

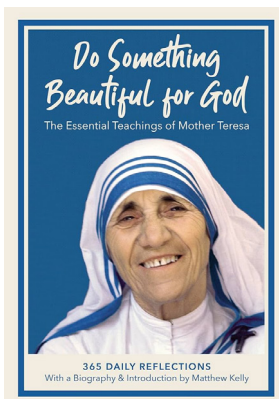
"Once again, I have chosen episode three of a particular season of *The Chosen*. (I don't know what it is about those episode 3s!) This episode three, which has at its scriptural core the rejection of Jesus in his hometown of Nazareth (see Luke chapter 4), provides a plausible scenario of what life would have been like for Jesus in Nazareth. Even though a number of scenes are created by the writers of *The Chosen*, so many of them are beautiful and feel very real, in particular the tender scenes between Jesus and his mother that bookend the episode. We are introduced to some new characters, like Laz (Lazarus) as well as his sisters. Yet, the heart of this episode is the ultimate rejection of Jesus by his own hometown. And if you are paying attention, you will see people in the synagogue condemning Jesus who once supported him in previous episodes. His words are too much for many of those in attendance, as they are for many today. This episode is also important going forward, because there are characters, objects, and themes that will return in later episodes, especially at the end of season 4. So, pay close attention!

— Mr. Tim McCormick

RECOMMENDED READ:

DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD: THE ESSENTIAL TEACHINGS OF MOTHER TERESA

Recommendation by Steve Petty



Arguably the greatest and most recognizable saint of modern times, Mother Teresa's life has touched Christians from all over the world. Her devotion and ministry to the poorest of God's children is an example to all of us on how to love Christ through service to our neighbor. In "Do Something Beautiful for God," the radiance of Mother Teresa's soul shines through the wisdom she offers us on how to live the vocation of love. This short work is not meant to be read in one or two sittings; rather, it's a devotional that offers a morsel of wisdom for each day of the year. Through these pages, you'll get a glimpse into the heart of this beautiful saint.

I think you'll find Mother's words to be inspirational, insightful, comforting and challenging all at the same time. It is an excellent book for those wishing to experience God in small and simple acts of love. A book to be treasured for sure.