

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.

THE BFC THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT'S FAVORITE EPISODES:

SEASON 1, EPISODE 1:

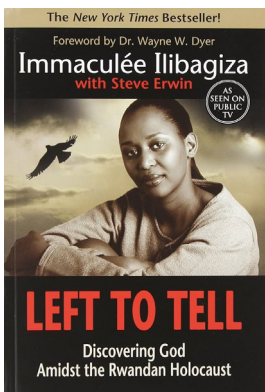
"I love this episode because in it we are introduced to the characters who will have a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Everytime we have an encounter with Jesus can be life-changing for us too if we let down our guard and let Him touch/heal our weakness and pain as we see in Mary Magdalene, Matthew, Peter, and Nicodemus. I absolutely love the final scene when Jesus calls Mary by her name! She feels seen and loved in spite of her many struggles."

— Mr. Ken Pullis

SEASON 1, EPISODE 3:

"While much of this episode isn't found explicitly in Scripture, it gives us a plausible peek into what Jesus was doing during the beginnings of his ministry. We often forget that Jesus was a carpenter (tekton in Greek which means an artisan or builder) who earned his living through the trade he learned from St. Joseph. Also, Jesus' interactions with the children reveal his love for them and hints at the focus of his public teachings, which will come in later episodes."

— Mr. Tim McCormick



RECOMMENDED READ: LEFT TO TELL — Recommendation by Ken Pullis

The amazing true story of a woman who struggles with faith and forgiveness in the midst of a national tragedy during the Rwandan massacre in 1994. She is surrounded by hatred and violence. She discovers that even in these terrible circumstances Jesus calls her to love and forgive those around her. I love reading and discussing this book every year with my senior classes!

RECOMMENDED WATCH: Catholicism — Recommendation by Steve Petty

This video series is produced by Word on Fire, a catholic media organization that was founded by Bishop Robert Barron. This video series on Catholicism is divided into 10 segments (about 50 minutes) that explores the basic beliefs of the Faith with an emphasis on Catholic history, spirituality and culture. The series is narrated by Bishop Barron, a renowned teacher and theologian.

"I've used this DVD series for sacramental preparation and adult faith formation classes. This is a "must see" series if you want to deepen your understanding of Catholicism. It is also very accessible — you can find the episodes on Youtube. Each episode can stand on its own, but I would recommend starting with Episode 1, titled *Amazed and Afraid*. Bishop Barron is an excellent teacher, and does a great job unpacking the richness of the Catholic Faith." — Mr. Steve Petty

