

## The Chosen - Season 1, Ep. 1: 'I Have Called You By Name' - Discussion & Study

1. At the beginning of the episode, Lillith/Mary's dad asks his little girl, who is scared, "What do we do when we are scared?" Fear is one of the key themes addressed by this episode.
2. Mary Magdalene was scared, Nicodemus was scared, Peter & Andrew were scared, the tax collector was scared....what were each of these people scared of, respectively? What does the main text of this episode from the OT say should be our response to fear? (FEAR NOT)? What does it say about why we don't need to fear? Also read, Isaiah 41:9-10: You whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
3. What does the New Testament say about how we can remove fear? 1 John 4:18, ESV: There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment....
4. The esteemed religious Pharisee, Nicodemus, could not cast out or bind the demons Lillith/Mary Magdalene was dealing with. He used the name of Adonai, the name of the most powerful angels, the covenant established with the fathers of Israel (Abraham, Jacob, Isaac and Moses). What did the demons do & say to Nicodemus? ("we are not afraid of you; have no power here, teacher"). What did Nicodemus do? (he was shaken, and left in terror). Why does religion have no power to help those who are oppressed or possessed by a demon?
5. What does God's Word say about believers in Jesus overcoming the devil? Revelation 12:11 NKJV -  
<sup>11</sup>And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...."  
What authority has God given you & all believers over demons and their influence? Luke 10:17-20 ESV  
<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"  
<sup>18</sup>And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.  
<sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Mark 16:17-18 ESV <sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."! John 4:4 NKJV <sup>4</sup>You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
6. Read Isaiah 43:1-2 ESV one last time: "But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned and the flame shall not consume you." How does this verse comfort you when you feel afraid? Why not commit this verse to memory this coming week?
7. What happened to Lillith/Mary Magdalene that changed her life? What did Jesus do? What implications does Jesus' words have for your life?