

**AND THE PEOPLE CAME...**

- Week of February 11, 2024 -

Sunday School	-----	26
Sunday Morning Service	-----	29
Sunday Evening Service	-----	15
Wednesday Eve., 02/14/24 Service	-----	11

**AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...**

- Week of February 11, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,229.93
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/11/24:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,229.93</b>

- Week of February 4, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 2,268.68
Church Sign Restoration Fund	-----	\$ 5.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 02/04/24:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,271.68</b>

- Week of January 28, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 967.19
Church Sign Restoration Fund	-----	\$ 7.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/28/24:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>974.19</b>

- Week of January 21, 2024 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 657.58
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/21/24:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>657.58</b>

- Week of January 14, 2024 -

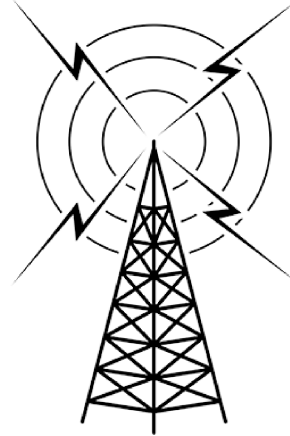
<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	-----	\$ 1,175.02
Missionary Offering, Children's SS Class	-----	\$ 3.09
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/14/24:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,178.11</b>

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for church operating expenses EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,600.00



**WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED**

1. Admit that you are a sinner.
2. Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.
3. Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.
4. You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).
5. By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, Who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
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THAT THERE WILL  
BE NO "HANG UPS"  
WITH THE CITY OF  
SAPULPA IN GETTING  
EVERYTHING  
APPROVED SO WE  
CAN BEGIN  
CONSTRUCTION.**

Thank You!

**Church Directory**

Todd W. White	-----	Pastor
Debra Carlton, Mickie Shatwell, Lois Mae Floyd	-----	Pianists
Derek Quinnelly	-----	Greeter
Kim Phillips; Shirley White/LeAnna White; Berdena Bergman/Debra Carlton; Daniel Avery/GiGi Avery; & Keith Shufelt	-----	Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars	-----	Outreach
LeAnna White	-----	Custodian
Keith Shufelt	-----	Men's Prayer Group
GinaMarie Shufelt	-----	Ladies Bible Study/Flowers
Seth White	-----	Sound/Video
Larry Byars, Derek Quinnelly	-----	Trustees

REMINDER



**Heresies Are in "The Chosen" TV Series**

Heresies are in *The Chosen* TV series, produced by Angel Studios. While a Mormon producer backs up the show, **the real danger of this show is in how it introduces the audience to Jesus Christ.** Other than potentially breaking the Second Commandment not to make a graven image, the show also presents false teaching about Jesus Christ. The show does not claim to represent an accurate depiction of Jesus Christ and does claim to have artistic liberty. However, to claim this an

authentic Jesus, as Dallas Jenkins does, is blasphemy. **There is no authentic Jesus outside of the biblical Jesus.**

This article will go over the different episodes of *The Chosen* to show what is biblically and historically inaccurate. This should be more than enough reason for Christians to stay away from the TV show. Heresies are in *The Chosen*.

**Heresies In "The Chosen", Season 1 -**

- Pio episode: Shepherds experience angels, and the crippled shepherd is healed. There is no miraculous account of this in Scripture before Jesus's baptism.
- Episode 1: Jesus keeps Mary Magdalene from committing suicide and casts out her demons without telling her His name. This happened after Nicodemus failed to cast out her demon in the prostitute section of Capernaum. Scripture never puts Nicodemus outside of Jerusalem. The gospel accounts never mention Mary being a prostitute, only that Jesus cast demons out of her (Mark 16:9).
- Episode 2: **This episode is complete fiction.** It has Mary hosting a Sabbath dinner, Nicodemus investigating a miracle, and Simon Peter fishing on the Sabbath. Then Simon becomes a spy for the Romans. None of these events are recorded in Scripture.
- Episode 3: Jesus teaches a group of children how to follow the kingdom of God. Jesus also shows His skills as a carpenter. Jesus did not reveal Himself in this way to children before parents took their children to Jesus (Matthew 19:14, Mark 7:27).
- Episode 4: Other than playing on the fiction from the previous episodes, there are other problems with this episode. Simon does not go through with being a spy and has to pay his debt. Jesus pays the debt by having the disciples catch a large number of fish. This causes Matthew to believe Jesus is the Messiah. The problem with this is none of it is in the text. *It also implies we do not need the Bible to know what happened.* This storytelling is a direct attack against Scripture alone for our understanding of God.
- Episode 5: This episode shows Jesus going to a wedding with His disciples. Jesus's brothers are not there. Also, Jesus jokes that not even HE can do everything. This attacks Jesus's omnipotence. Jesus can do anything that goes with His character.
- Episode 6: Jesus encounters an Ethiopian woman, heals a leper, and the woman petitions Jesus to heal the paralytic. This again attacks *sola Scriptura* - Scripture alone.
- Episode 7: Jesus calls Matthew. Jesus also meets with Nicodemus at night in Capernaum. While these events *did* happen, the Scripture never said Nicodemus came to immediate faith in Christ. John 2-3 places the context in Jerusalem, not Capernaum. Matthew's writing also does not indicate that he is autistic.
- Episode 8: *Nicodemus says God can and must be known outside of the Scriptures.* This is a direct attack on the sufficiency of Scripture. It says people who **only** trust the Scriptures are legalistic and Pharisaical. Jesus also goes to a Samaritan village and meets a woman at a well. This encounter depicts Jesus as someone with no authority as He says "no" to the Samaritan woman's accusation that he came to preach to her.

**Heresies In "The Chosen", Season 2 -**

- Episode 1: Jesus and His followers are in the Samaritan village. Jesus heals a crippled Samaritan robber. James and John plow a field. Jesus teaches in a Samaritan synagogue. James and John also want to call fire down on the village. Again, this directly attacks

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Scripture alone and the sufficiency of Scripture. Also, the Scriptures only record Jesus teaching the Samaritan village for two days. There are no miracles recorded.

● Episode 2: Philip comes from John. Jesus accepts him as a disciple, but refuses to tell Philip his mission. Jesus calls Nathaniel. Before this, Nathaniel was drunk and depressed because a building project did not go well. *This depiction of Jesus does not call Nathaniel to repentance for his drunkenness.*

● Episode 3: Large crowds come to Jesus to be healed. His mother, Mary, comes to help Him. Mary will not tell the disciples about the birth of Jesus. Jesus is wearied from healing people and is covered with blood. Mary helps Jesus at the end of the episode. *This appeals to Mary being the co-redemptrix with Jesus, but Jesus alone is the mediator and redeemer of man.* This also points to Jesus's healings as being mystical. Jesus healed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Making Jesus mystical is also heresy.

● Episode 4: Jesus heals a paralytic man who has been by the pool of Bethesda for 38 years. This man's name is Jesse, and he is the brother of Simon, the zealot. Jesus confronts a pharisee named Shmuel who is fighting against "false prophecy," some cessationist movement within the Pharisees. This episode is a lesson about inserting one's own ideas into the text to interpret the Scriptures. It is hermeneutically unsound. Simon also abandons an assassination when seeing his brother walking again. This brings a Roman undercover agent to spy on Jesus and his followers. *This is pure imagination.*

● Episode 5: John the Baptist argues with Jesus about not showing Himself more. Jesus tries to dissuade John the Baptist from confronting Herod over his sin. The Baptist also rebukes Jesus for being too passive. Jesus practices His sermon on the Mount and messes it up. This Jesus casts out a demon after Mary Magdalene failed to do the same thing. This causes Mary to leave the group to go on a drinking binge. *This episode minimizes the fact Jesus relied on hearing the words from His Father when preaching and teaching.* John the Baptist shows less respect for Jesus than he does in John 4. It also minimizes the fact Jesus knew what was in all men. He would not have let Mary Magdalene go off to go on a drinking binge.

● Episode 6: Jesus sends Peter and Matthew to find Mary Magdalene after the drinking binge. When Mary is brought back to the camp, she is accompanied by His mother. *Jesus does not call her to repentance.* This goes against Jesus's teachings on repentance, Jesus being the shepherd of his followers, and it points again to Mary being the co-redemptrix.

● Episode 7: Jesus is arrested by the Romans. He is threatened with His life. He also is let go Scott free. When He returns to His disciples, He teaches them about prayer. *Again, this never happened - the only time Jesus was arrested and handed over to Romans was when His own people betrayed Him.*

● Episode 8: Jesus needs help from Matthew for the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew does not understand the imagery in the sermon and does not like the beginning. The audience is introduced to Judas Iscariot. He helps them get to the mountain so

Jesus can teach. His female followers also bully Jesus on what to wear when teaching. The audience also never hears the sermon. This attacks Jesus's authority and speaking by the words of the Father.

### ***Heresies In "The Chosen", Season 3 -***

● Episode 1: Matthew reconciles with his parents. Jesus accepts Judas Iscariot after an interview process. Andrew also talks to John the Baptist with the help of Joanna. Again, this goes against the sufficiency of Scripture.

● Episode 2: People flock to Capernaum to meet Jesus and build a tent city. Jesus sends the twelve disciples two by two to different cities to preach the gospel. At some point, Peter and his wife conceive a child before the twelve are sent out. Little James confronts Jesus as to why he has not been healed. Judas also becomes the treasurer. This attacks the sufficiency of Scripture. It also attacks the Scripture which says Jesus healed all who came to Him.

● Episode 3: Jesus comes to Nazareth to celebrate a holiday. There is a flashback of Joseph giving Jesus a 1400-year-old mule bridle from the Exodus to remember their bondage and being led to freedom in the Promised Land. Jesus also claims to be the Law when referring to himself as the Messiah. Then, He weeps at His father's tomb. *This reverence relics, objects which are meant to prove the faith. It also makes the Law God. In reality, the Law reflects the Moral character of God, though it is not itself God. This is very dangerous teaching. It makes obeying the Law a means of salvation.*

● Episode 4: The twelve apostles return to Capernaum to discover the water system has been ruined, making people sick. This causes Peter's wife to miscarry before Peter returns from his missionary journey. She is cold and hateful towards her husband. She also does not reveal this to her husband the miscarriage. Jairus's daughter also becomes sick to the point of death. This, again, is an exercise in eisegesis (adding to Scripture).

● Episode 5: The miscarriage is revealed in the first scene of the episode. Jesus heals a woman with a discharge and raises Jairus's daughter from the dead, thus bringing them to faith. Yet, He will not raise Peter's unborn child from the dead. This causes Peter's wife to question Jesus and His choice of disciples. Peter responds to his wife's anger by fixing the cistern with the Roman who arrested Jesus. *More eisegesis* - it also shows the inability and cruelty of *this* Jesus who healed all who came to Him in the Scriptures.

● Episode 6: A person from the Decapolis says Andrew and Philipp's teaching has caused riots in the city. Simon the Zealot has to confront his past. Jesus gives the blind sight and the lame the ability to walk. This convinces the zealots to leave Simon alone. Peter's wife finally tells Peter about her miscarriage. *Again eisegesis.*

● Episode 7: Peter is aloof, wandering the city until he meets with the Roman who arrested Jesus. He learns the soldier's slave is also his son, and he is sick. Matthew puts on tassels from a dying man he caused to be killed. Jesus decides to go to the

Decapolis to fix Andrew's and Philipp's mess. He has John stay behind to fetch Peter because the mission's success "depends" on him. Peter reveals to John that he believes Jesus is the Messiah, but he should not have been chosen as a disciple. *More eisegesis.*

● Episode 8: Jesus goes to the Decapolis, heals people, and feeds over five thousand men. Peter throws a fit by knocking over a basket full of bread and fish. The "false prophesy" brigade comes to question what happened. Jesus prays with Shmuel. Then Jesus walks on water and brings healing to Peter, saying his wife's miscarriage was a test of his faith. Peter's wife also is ceremonially washed to give her healing. *This eisegesis attacks the clear reading of Scripture and is dangerously close to baptismal regeneration.*

### ***Conclusion -***

These are the heresies of the Chosen. It attacks the sufficiency, inerrancy, and authority of Scripture. It attacks Jesus's divinity, authority, and goodness. It presents a Jesus who does not demand repentance, accepts sin, and punishes His disciples with starvation, disease, and death of loved ones.

***This is not the Jesus of the Bible.*** Jesus taught the inerrancy, authority, infallibility, and sufficiency of Scripture. He did not teach God could be known outside of the Bible.

***The Chosen*** should be marked and avoided by believers. Contrary to popular belief, many serious heresies are in "The Chosen".

*- Striving For Eternity Ministries*

## ***NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS***

❑ ***MARXISM AND THE INSANITY ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES*** - The following is excerpted from "The root cause," Fox News, Nov. 15, 2023:

"Americans are finally catching on that the oppressor-oppressed narrative being taught in our schools and universities is not a conspiracy theory disseminated by conservatives. It's real. Jewish students having to barricade themselves in a college to escape a mob in Manhattan, of all places, has opened people's eyes to the threat woke ideology represents to civilization. Too bad it took a grotesque massacre and mass rapes in the Holy Land to do it. But now that we have people's attention, let's connect the dots. The oppressor-oppressed worldview that paints democratic Israel as the 'oppressor' and Palestinian terrorists as the 'oppressed,' so prevalent on college campuses, is pure Marxism.

In the first page of *The Communist Manifesto* of 1848, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels explain that 'The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles.' ... In a democracy, one party or side seldom gets all it wants. And if the system is correctly structured, as the founders strived to do with the American system of government, there are checks and balances. The legislature, the executive, and the judiciary check each other's powers (and the legislature itself is divided into two chambers). Not so in Marx's 'oppressor and oppressed' view. There you end up with a 'revolutionary reconstitution,' which Marx himself promised would be ruthless. 'This cannot be

effected except by means of despotic inroads,' he averred in the manifesto. A few months later, Marx wrote, more ominously, 'There is only one way in which the murderous death agonies of the old society and the bloody birth throes of the new society can be shortened, simplified and concentrated, and that way is revolutionary terror.' Blood will run--it's a feature, not a bug, of Marxism."

❑ ***ARE CHRISTIANS THE CAUSE OF THE HOMOSEXUAL'S PAIN?*** - Many homosexuals blame Christian teaching on sexuality for their problems. The British newspaper *The Independent* calls this "psychological torture ... imposed from a supposedly godly environment" ("Christian Rock Star 'I'm Gay,'" *The Independent*, Aug. 16, 2014).

Consider Vicky Beeching, mentioned in the "Christian rock star" report. Beginning in Sunday School, she was taught that homosexuality is such a great sin that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed for it. After becoming a contemporary Christian musician at age 16, she hid her homosexuality, and she believes that the resulting stress caused psychological and physical problems. When she was diagnosed with a disease at age 35 and had to take chemotherapy, she said, "I looked at my life, and thought, 'I have to come to terms with who I am.'" She determined to "come out" and stop "living as a shadow of a person." While the stress of living a lie and abiding in unconfessed sin will doubtless cause problems in an individual's life, the stress cannot be blamed on "the church." ***The cause of the stress is not the law of God but the sin.*** It is like being in the habit of running red lights because you are "a red-light runner by nature" and blaming the resulting anxiety and potential crash on the naughty light.

The confusion of "Christian homosexuality" is prophesied in Scripture -

***"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (II Timothy 3:1-5).***

