



THE CHOSEN ONE: JESUS (MATTHEW-JOHN)

Like Russ has said many times, everything in the Old Testament and in this series has led to this point. Jesus, physically, enters the picture. You may wonder, *“Why not just stop here then? Jesus has arrived and all has been made right.”* As former college coach and ESPN Gameday commentator, Lee Corso, famously said, *“Not so fast, my friend.”* Like Russ has reminded us, everything in the Bible before AND after Jesus points to Jesus. This is the climax of the story, but it is far from over.

What’s a story (movie, book, etc.) that made more sense once you knew the backstory?

TALK ABOUT IT

The series frames the Bible as one story (Garden → Fall → Chosen People → Chosen One).

Why does it matter to see Jesus as the fulfillment of that story instead of a new starting point?

[Read Luke 1:1-4.](#)

Why do you think Luke makes it clear that his account of Jesus is based on evidence and eye-witness accounts?

[Read Luke 1:54–55 and 1:68–73.](#)

What do these passages tell us about who Jesus is and what he will do?

[Read Luke 4:18-21.](#)

Teaching in his hometown at a synagogue, Jesus said, *“Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”*

Why do you think people who knew Jesus best struggled to accept Him?

How do you see people today take him for granted and miss the mark on who he is?

APPLY IT

Read Luke 24:44-49.

Russ correctly said that the story of Jesus' encounter with the disciples walking to Emmaus is a crucial part of Jesus' story and why he came. He connected the dots for them and us to point to himself.

What does it mean for your own Bible reading to see Jesus as the center of the whole story?

Which description of Jesus (Savior, Lord, Friend of Sinners, etc.) means the most to you right now, and why?

PRAY TOGETHER

Pray for someone you know who doesn't either know or follow Jesus. He came for all of us. We aren't living out our purpose here without him.