

Recap from week 3 --

Peter: "What are we going to do?"

Jesus: "Change the world."

Me: Really?

Narrator talks about Pharisees and their strict adherence to laws.

Jesus enters town; crowds. Parable of mustard seed. Paralyzed man brought in through roof. Jesus forgives sins. Pharisee complains. Accuses Jesus of blasphemy. Man is cured.

When disciples questioned, they seem to have no doubt about Jesus and his powers. They appear to know exactly where Jesus is headed with his mission.

Jesus exits town, met by leper, cures him. Pharisee looks on.

Narrator: savior to some, potential threat to Rome for some.

Pilate and entourage meet a broken cart. His wife in a carriage. Orders cart moved off the road. Cut scene to Romans repressing rebellion. Cut scene to tax collectors. Same Pharisee person appears, condemning the tax collectors as collaborators. Jesus tells parable of Pharisee and tax collector. Tax collector repeats "have mercy on me, a sinner." Tax collector happens to be Matthew. The call of Matthew. Pharisee accuses Jesus of impropriety and accuses disciples of sins.

Jesus and disciples in wilderness. Jesus talking to Matthew. Some disciples critical, others supporting. Beatitudes spoken among disciples. Lord's Prayer. Traveling while speaking.

Woman caught in adultery. Wrong setting. Show places it in wilderness, whereas text records it as happening at the temple grounds. Jesus picks up stone, goes to Pharisee delegation, they nod approvingly. No doodling in the sand in the show.

Pharisees annoyed. Jesus is a threat to community, tradition, faith, their way of life.

Nicodemus. Speaks with others about Jesus. They mock and ridicule his interest.

Jesus on the Sea of Galilee. Why is the disciple woman's head uncovered (all other women seem to cover their heads)? They've just arrived and thousands are waiting at the shore. Immediately to Feeding of 5,000. Parables and teachings on God's provision and "Ask and you will receive" directly associated with physical provisions. "Don't worry about daily needs. Put God first and everything else will follow."

Crowd calling for Jesus to be made king. Jesus moves away and leaves.

Jesus and disciples gathered around fire. Talking about what the people are saying about Jesus. Jesus asks who they think he is. Peter responds that Jesus is the Son of God. Says Peter will be the rock on which he will build the church. Leaves and says he'll meet them on the other shore.

Disciples take boat. Storm. Jesus walking on water. Jesus calls directly to Peter (rather than Peter asking). He gets out of the boat. "Peter, you of little faith, why did you doubt?" followed by "You need to be strong." Show seems to be building Peter up to be some kind of key character.

Back to Nazareth. Mary. Narrator says Mary knows Jesus' true purpose and it is time for others to know. Jesus takes passage from Isaiah. (This should be one of the first scenes in Jesus' ministry, announcing his mission and purpose. Why did the show creators place it so far into his ministry?) Why is the exact same Pharisee following Jesus around? Jesus accused of blasphemy. Jesus: "It has begun?" Peter begins to pick up a stone to throw at the accusers. Jesus stops him, "turn the other cheek." Pharisee tells Jesus that John the Baptist has been beheaded, and he will encounter the same fate.

Disciples in a morose mood. Jesus reflects on his baptism. Jesus' work must go on. They will go to Jerusalem. (Show depicts/infers this is the only trip to Jerusalem.) Reason for going to Jerusalem: to take the message to the heart of power.

Switch to Pilate's residence. Dueling scene with Pilate and (probably) a prisoner. Prisoner is killed. Messenger announces trouble in Jerusalem. High Priest being carried in a carriage, going to the temple. Crowd of Jews protesting building of temple using Roman funds. At the court of Pilate. Soldiers infiltrating crowd rise against and crowd on Pilate's signal. Scene of beatings and killings. High Priest and servants visit aftermath.

Bethany. Martha, in tears, tells Jesus he is too late. Lazarus is dead. (Uh... no scene informing Jesus?) Jesus goes to the tomb. Why does Jesus go *in* to the tomb? Jesus gives his speech in the tomb...? And breathes onto Lazarus... The burial method isn't authentic.

Caiaphas told about Lazarus' resurrection. His motive for opposing Jesus: it will cause a riot in Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday. Jews traveling to Jerusalem and the temple. Jesus entering on a colt, crowds chanting "Messiah." Narrator refers to Zech. 9:9.

Temple scene with priests.

Jesus making way to temple. Encounters Barabbas?! Disciples seems to know him?

Jesus walks up to temple - where is the crowd? And then cut scene to inside grounds and voila! crowds. Weird... Jesus overturns temple marketplace. Nicodemus comes out to challenge Jesus.

Monday. Jesus returns to temple. Teaches. Nicodemus challenges Jesus about paying taxes to Rome. Romans watching closely. Judas pointed out to Caiaphas.

Wednesday. Continues teaching. Do what the teachers say, but don't do what they do. Nicodemus observes Jesus. Jesus foretells destruction of temple. Caiaphas believes temple is threatened. Caiaphas orders Judas to be brought. Nicodemus wonders.

Pilate told about Jesus in the temple.

Nicodemus visits Jesus (his nighttime visit here...?) Judas has an audience with Caiaphas. Caiaphas plants seeds of doubt about Jesus into Judas' mind. Caiaphas claims he simply wants to speak with Jesus. To stop the destruction of the temple, city, and nation. Given betrayal money.

Back to Nicodemus and Jesus' dialogue with him (John 3). Placed here for dramatic purposes: "the one and only son" makes better placement close to the crucifixion.

Thursday. Barabbas continues his appearance. A disturbance breaks out. Priests' audience with Pilate. Pilate is not happy.

Nighttime, Roman soldiers. Upper room. Washing of hands. Jesus flashes forward to betrayal and crucifixion scenes. No washing of feet...? Gives thanks, breaks bread. Jesus announces death. Disciples question. Jesus says he will be betrayed, arrested, and condemned to death.

Caiaphas, Malchus, Nicodemus. Caiaphas asks if Jesus has fulfilled any prophecies of a true Messiah. Jesus will be removed and executed.

Back to Upper Room. "I am the way..." sentence. They did get the bread right - it's proper flatbread. Institution of Eucharist/ Communion. Judas goes out. Spits out bread given to him by Jesus. Satan is standing along the path that Judas takes. "You will all fall away." Peter claims he will not. Jesus is glad, but then appears to see something and foretells denials.

There were women (plural) following Jesus, but why is there always only Mary Magdalene (I presume)?

Judas and temple guard go to find Jesus. At Gethsemane, disciples around a fire. Jesus goes to pray. Priests in prayer at the temple. Romans (Pilate and wife) in prayer to their gods.

