

# The Chosen: Stirring Up the Waters

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Today's KBYU TV's episode of "The Chosen" featured the inspiring back-story of the lame man at the pool of Bethesda who Jesus healed, telling him to take up his bed and walk, which the Jews decried, saying, "it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed [on] the sabbath day." (John 5:10).

The series writers depict that man's name as Jesse, and have his brother being Simon, the Zealot, who became Jesus' apostle. They depict Simon stopping to see Jesse at the pool, while he was waiting for the troubling of the water, chastizing him for such foolishness. He'd not visited Jesse since childhood but wanted to say goodbye on his way to assassinate a chief Roman Magistrate, which would likely result in his own death. <sup>(and serious repercussions on his fellow Jews)</sup> But, then, as he was seconds away from carrying out the assassination, he saw Jesse walking, carrying his bed, which so stupefied him he didn't carry out the deed.

It illustrates the ripple effect of God's deeds and their fruiting. Hence Jesus'

response to his disciples when they asked him why he chose to perform that miracle on the Sabbath, which resulted in making the Jews more upset with his ministry. He said, "Sometimes you have to stir up the water," with a grin at his pun. It was like when he told them, "Get used to different."

God describes his end-times work as a "strange work" (Psa. 28:21; D&C 95:4; 101:95; Moses 6:38 - said of Enoch). "The Chosen" series does a great job of preparing people's minds to be open to that. <stet>

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