



The
CHOSEN



**THE CW NETWORK TO AIR GLOBAL HIT SERIES
“THE CHOSEN” FOR THE FIRST TIME ON U.S.
BROADCAST TELEVISION**

**First Three Seasons of the Worldwide Phenomenon About the Life of Jesus
to Debut on Sunday, July 16 at 8:00pm ET/PT**

**“The Chosen” Continues Through the Fall With the Season Three Finale
Airing on Christmas Eve**

June 9, 2023 (Burbank, CA) — The CW Network will be the U.S. broadcast home to the first three seasons of the global hit series **THE CHOSEN**, it was announced today by Brad Schwartz, President of Entertainment, The CW Network. The acclaimed event series about the life of Jesus from creator, director and producer Dallas Jenkins and starring Jonathan Roumie as Jesus will premiere on Sunday, July 16 at 8:00pm ET/PT. **THE CHOSEN** will continue its run through the fall, with the season three finale airing on Christmas Eve.

“**THE CHOSEN** is based on the biggest IP of all time and is truly a one-of-a-kind series that tells this historically significant story in a captivating, dramatic and premium way,” commented Schwartz. “This show has already connected deeply with viewers around the world, and The CW will expand its audience even further.”

“The CW has always been bold and unique, which is perfect for us,” said Jenkins. “Plus, Brad Schwartz made it clear a while ago he loves and respects **THE CHOSEN**, so we know it’ll be in great hands.”

“As part of our global representation of this coveted property, we are pleased that The CW will become another great partner for **THE CHOSEN**,” commented Lionsgate President of Worldwide Television Distribution Jim Packer. “This groundbreaking series already has a massive global following, and The CW platform will provide the perfect opportunity for the show to reach existing fans and inspire new ones.”

THE CHOSEN is the first multi-season series of its kind, a historical drama about the life of Jesus (Jonathan Roumie) as seen through the eyes of His followers. Set against the backdrop of Jewish oppression in first-century Israel, the seven-season show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus’ revolutionary life and teachings. The fourth season is currently in production.

THE CHOSEN has grown from a crowdsourcing project on the Angel Studios app into a massive global phenomenon with over 110 million viewers in 175 countries around the world with plans to make it available in 600 languages. The series continues to grow in popularity, generating 6.5 million followers



across social media and \$35 million at box office in special event theatrical releases. It has generated apparel, best-selling books, DVD's and an upcoming series of graphic novels.

THE CHOSEN is written, directed, produced and created by Dallas Jenkins (*The Resurrection of Gavin Stone, What If..., Midnight Clear*) and is distributed globally by Lionsgate.

About The CW Network

The CW Network, LLC is one of America's major broadcast networks and reaches 100% of US television households. The CW delivers 14 hours of primetime programming per week in addition to sports and other entertainment programming and is the exclusive broadcast home to LIV Golf. The fully ad-supported CW App, with over 96 million downloads to date, is available for free to consumers on all major platforms and is home to the latest episodes and seasons of The CW's primetime programming, live streaming of its sports content, and a library of entertaining film and television content for on-demand viewing. The CW is 75%-owned by Nexstar Media Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: NXST), a leading diversified media company and largest CW affiliate group with 37 CW and CW Plus affiliates, covering 32% of the population. For more information about The CW, please visit www.cwtv.com.

About THE CHOSEN

THE CHOSEN is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Jewish oppression in first-century Israel, the seven-season show shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. The CW will broadcast the show on Sunday nights beginning this July, plus it's available on Amazon Prime, Netflix, Peacock and in THE CHOSEN mobile and TV apps. The global phenomenon has garnered over 520 million episode views worldwide, and over 110 million people have watched at least one episode.

About Lionsgate

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