



Discussion for a movie night: Enjoy the film. Afterwards, here are some discussion questions that might help you to engage with others on the topics from the film. Enjoy the time engaging with the film, your faith and friends.



## Film Synopsis

Everyone may remember the chariot race from the classic 1959 adaption, but there is much more to be said about Lew Wallace's epic tale of the prince of Jerusalem, Judah Ben-Hur (Jack Huston).

This story has captured the imaginations of a multitude of filmmakers throughout the centuries and is now been placed in the hands of director Timur Bekmambetov's (Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Slayer). This modern adaptation takes some liberties with the original tale, but manages to stay true to the heart of the story of sibling rivalry gone bad with Judah falling victim to false accusations of treason by his adopted brother and Roman officer, Messala Severus (Toby Kebbel). Judah is made to be a slave on a Roman ship for five years and then is jettisoned into an unexpected freedom that eventually brings him in front of his brother and accuser.

Through the pain and anguish that has befallen his family, Judah is given a unique opportunity to clear his family name.



## Discussion points for Reel Dialogue

1. Did you enjoy the film? What were the strengths and what were the weaknesses?
2. What does the Bible say about siblings and family?
3. Where do you go in the Bible to find answers on belief? (Leviticus 19:31, Psalm 19:14, The gospel of John, 1 John 4:1-2)
4. Can mankind's hearts change from evil to good? (2 Corinthians 5:17, 2 Timothy 2:21)