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Jonathan Roumie Says The Chosen Season 6 Crucifixion Filming Was Spiritual Warfare

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Since 2017, says filming Season 6 - which covers the final 24 hours of Christ's life and the crucifixion - was"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Jonathan Roumie, 52, who has played Jesus in "The Chosen" since 2017, says filming Season 6 - which covers the final 24 hours of Christ's life and the crucifixion - was "the most difficult thing we've ever done" and "pretty brutal". He told The Christian Post, in an interview published 19 November 2026 from the set in Midlothian, Texas, that the filming was marked by real spiritual warfare during and between takes that only prayer and sacrifice could carry him through.

He lost about 25 pounds preparing for the crucifixion scenes. He filmed across Texas, Utah and Matera, Italy. And he says the suffering taught him what "redemptive suffering" really means - that pain offered up can become something else entirely.

Think about that for a moment. An actor who has played Jesus for nearly a decade, saying that this season cost him more of his own identity than any role in his life. Not a stunt. Not a line for the press. A man saying that pretending to be crucified changed him.

Season 6 premiered on 15 November on Prime Video. The theatrical finale, "The Chosen Crucifixion", is set for 12 March 2027. Millions will watch it. But Roumie is telling the world that what they will see on screen was not easy to make, and not easy to live through.

Jonathan Roumie The Chosen Season 6 Spiritual Warfare: The Hardest Season Yet

Roumie did not use the words "spiritual warfare" lightly. He said the warfare was real, and it happened during filming and between filming, in the gaps when the cameras were off and the set went quiet. The only things that carried him through, he said, were prayer and sacrifice.

That is a striking thing for a Hollywood actor to say in 2026. Most actors talk about the physical demands of a role. Roumie talked about the spiritual ones. He talked about a battle he could not see, fought with tools the world does not take seriously.

The season covers the final 24 hours of Christ's life. That means the Last Supper, the garden, the arrest, the trial, the scourging, and the cross. It is the most sacred stretch of the Christian story, and it is also the most harrowing to portray. Every scene is one that believers have prayed over for two thousand years.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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