

## An Inside Look at Our Newest Animated Film, “Chosen Witness”

### Good Friday Outreach 2021

We are so excited to share one of our newest animated projects, “Chosen Witness,” which pulls original audio from the “[JESUS](#)” film and “[Magdalena-Released From Shame](#).” Chosen Witness is a portion of the JesusFilm telling the story of Mary Magdalene’s touching encounter with Jesus. The animated film begins with this scene from Magdalena when Mary Magdalene was filled with evil spirits and approaches Jesus. The animated version is edited in a different way, but using all of the voices from the original film.

### In Their Heart Language

The languages have been imported into this vivid, powerful portrayal of Jesus that is as of today in 39 languages and is slated to be released this Friday, April 2, Good Friday. Our team of animator’s have been working around the clock to make this possible. Thanks to the use of our original audio assets, Chosen Witness will soon be available in over 250 languages. Most people hate reading subtitles, you can understand the joy when viewers around the world can experience hope through their own language.

### Take Some Time, Feel the Impact

Here are a few examples of other languages: [Hindi](#), [Hungarian](#), [Tagalog](#), & [Indonesian](#)

Please be praying for the outreaches now being put in place for Easter weekend in many countries.

See “Chosen Witness” on our film library. You’ll be able to watch and share the film on [JFP website](#), the [JFP app](#) and on our [YouTube channel](#).

Fun Fact: In one of the shots in the video above, they show a studio. You can see the red poster that Rick created for the short film [Legion](#). :) Did you see it? )



## Anastasia's Story From Western Europe

The following testimony was written towards the end of 2020.

Some identifying details may have been changed for confidentiality.

Anastasia entered her grandmother's house. It was old and crumbling, much like her sense of hope.

After losing her only daughter and then losing her husband just three years later, Anastasia's grief was heavy. She had turned to alcohol. Though she was lonely in her darkness and emptiness, she didn't want to see anyone. It was easier being alone.

Looking around her grandmother's house, Anastasia spotted a Bible in the room and started reading it, hoping to find solace in its pages. Alcohol had not provided that. As she read, her desperation grew. She didn't know what to do. She didn't want to live anymore. She shouted,

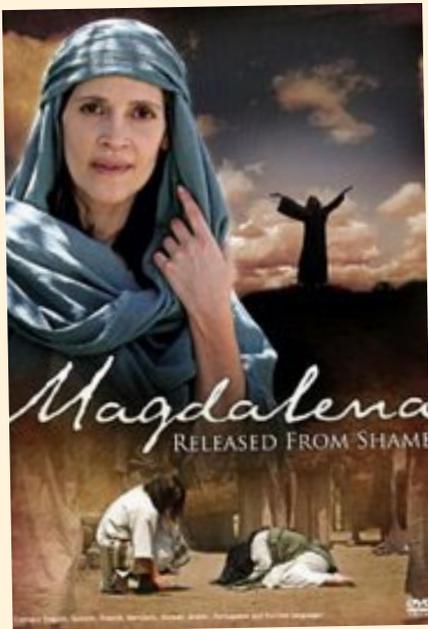
"If someone is there, help me!"

A few days later Anastasia made plans to meet up with a friend, Irina. They usually drank together. However, this meeting was different. Irina didn't drink. Her life had changed. She told Anastasia she'd been rehabilitated and that she'd also welcomed Christ into her heart. Irina gave Anastasia the address for the rehabilitation center and advised her to go.

When Anastasia arrived at the center, she was given the opportunity to watch *Magdalena: Released From Shame*. It was there, she learned that God loves her and that He alone gives her hope for the future. After some time, Anastasia observed that the women there were changing for the better and that they'd welcomed her into their family. Finally, she was not alone.

Anastasia admits she never would've turned to God if she hadn't experienced such terrible misfortune. "I learned that I have a loving Father," she said. "I gained peace and joy. I realized that I am valuable to God and He helps me in everything. We all have a choice, and I choose life—life in Christ Jesus, our Lord. All glory to Him!"

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21 NIV) ■



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