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The Definitive Ranking Of 'Friends' Thanksgiving Episodes (VIDEOS)



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"[Friends](http://www.pixable.com/article-tag/friends) (<http://www.pixable.com/article-tag/friends>)" and Thanksgiving go hand in hand almost as much as turkey and Thanksgiving. They're ubiquitous, and die-hard "Friends" fans will argue that you can't have one without the other. Lots of shows have had episodes dedicated to the holiday of pilgrims and pumpkin pie, but "[Friends](http://www.netflix.com/search/friends?bv=70153404&jbp=0&jbr=0) (<http://www.netflix.com/search/friends?bv=70153404&jbp=0&jbr=0>)" did it best. #sorrynotsorry.

If you're looking to laugh a ton after you wake up from your [turkey coma](http://www.pixable.com/article/easy-thanksgiving-recipes-73343) (<http://www.pixable.com/article/easy-thanksgiving-recipes-73343>), or are looking for something to watch during [Friendsgiving](http://www.pixable.com/article-tag/friendsgiving) (<http://www.pixable.com/article-tag/friendsgiving>), be sure to have a "Friends" Thanksgiving episodes marathon. We heard laughter burns calories, guys.

10. 'The One With the List' (S2E8)

Friends 'With Or Without You - U2'



Though this is a huge episode for the [Ross](http://www.pixable.com/article/10-struggles-of-living-gluten-free-85400) and Rachel romance saga, it's not *technically* a Thanksgiving episode, but it's as close as we're gonna get for season 2. There's no sitting at the table, and no delicious Monica food, but we do get Monica making "Mockolate." Ew, just ew. So for this alone, this episode is dead last in our ranking. In fact, when Phoebe describes "Mockolate" as "what evil must taste like," that's how we feel about this Thanksgiving episode. It's just not very good.

However, Chandler does get points for mocking Ross's relationship dilemma with this beautiful line: "This must be so hard. 'Two women love me. They're both gorgeous and sexy. My wallet's too small for my \$50s and my diamond shoes are too tight!'" Oh, the Chan Chan man.

9. 'The One Where Chandler Doesn't Like Dogs' (S7E8)

Friends - Ross plays Chandlers dumb states game.



This one *is* an actual Thanksgiving episode, but it loses *major* points because we learn that Chandler, normally one of the very best TV characters *ever*, lied about being extremely allergic to dogs because he doesn't actually like them when Phoebe is dog sitting Clunkers. Chandler, for reals: how can you not like dogs (<http://www.pixable.com/topic/dogs-animals>)? And who lies about being allergic to dogs? So many questions.

This episode also has one of Joey's best lines of all-time: "This is all a moo point ... It's like a cow's opinion. You know, it just doesn't matter. It's moo." It's a great line, but overall, this episode is a bit of a "clunker".. see what I did there?

8. 'The One With Rachel's Other Sister' (S9E8)

Friends - Rachel and Amy Cat Fight



This one wins thanks to a great cameo by Christina Applegate as Rachel's "other" sister, Amy, but their bickering ends up being honestly annoying. Amy drops in on their Thanksgiving dinner, and gets irrationally mad that Ross and Rachel didn't name her the godmother to baby Emma.

Christina Applegate, as always, does a great job and works well with the cast, but seeing Rachel with her siblings ends up highlighting how annoying Rachel actually is. One spoiled Green sister is all we need, thanks.

The tragic demise of Chandler and Monica's wedding china is the bright spot to this episode. What are they gonna do if the Queen ever drops by for dinner?!

7. 'The One Where Ross Got High' (S6E9)



It's revealed, in this episode, that the reason Jack and Judy Geller dislike Chandler so much is because they thought he was a pothead in college, and Ross is forced to reveal that he was actually the one smoking pot. This is the only Thanksgiving where any parents join the gang for dinner, and Chandler wants to try and win the Gellers over, especially since they have no idea he's dating (or even living with) Monica. Haven't we all been there?

Naturally, as Thanksgiving progresses, all the Geller family secrets end up spilling out, and Rachel tries her hand at dessert — which is of course a disaster. We would expect no less.

6. 'The One with the Late Thanksgiving' (S10E8)



Monica doesn't want to host Thanksgiving this year, due to the stress of trying to adopt a child, but Phoebe convinces her to outdo last year's Thanksgiving, so she does it because *Monica*. Then Phoebe also convinces Rachel to enroll Emma in a baby beauty pageant, where Emma wins the \$1,000 grand prize. Ross and Joey get tickets to the Rangers game and end up being 45 minutes late for dinner.

Hilarity ensues.

They try to get back in Monica's good graces, with this gem from Rachel: "It's Thanksgiving and we should not want to be together, together!" It captures the true spirit of the holidays for most of us. Do we sometimes dread seeing our families? Of course, but food and laughs bring us all together in the end.

5. 'The One with the Rumor' (S8E9)



Two words: Brad. Pitt. Yes, Jennifer Aniston's former husband makes a truly epic cameo as Will, a formerly obese classmate of Ross, Monica, and Rachel's who has lost 150 pounds since they last saw him. When he arrives at Monica's, he admits to her that he hated Rachel because she was horrible to him in high school. More secrets are revealed, and what was funny at the time now seems sad since the golden couple has, obviously, since divorced.

It's also awkward given that Will says he's going to be in a Subway commercial, and we know how well Subway spokespeople have worked out. Still, it's an iconic pop culture moment and we'll never get sick of it.

4. 'The One With the Football' (S3E9)

Friends - the one with the football 1



In the spirit of the holiday, the gang decides to play football in between turkey bastings. No one wants Rachel on their team (again, sorry, Rach!) and we learn about the Geller Bowl. At Geller Bowl 6, Monica broke Ross' nose and the "Geller Cup" was thrown in the lake. Their parents forbade them from playing football ever again — but Monica decides to try again.

Though their outfits are questionable, because most New York City Thanksgivings are downright freezing and call for more than basic sweats, it's quite fun to watch them attempt to play a sport. It makes us feel significantly less bad about our athletic inadequacies. Another perfect Joey line: "There must be a special place in heaven for people that hung out with you two in high school." (We agree!)

3. 'The One with Chandler in a Box' (S4E8)



This one gives us the sads at first because Joey and Chandler aren't speaking to one another at the start of the episode, and that's never enjoyable. Their fight prompts Joey to move out of the apartment. They have an intense argument, and Chandler gets in a box (no spoilers, but we guarantee it'll get ya right in the feels) to prove his love for Joey.

It's a sweet moment for their friendship, and gives true meaning to the ever eloquent term: "bros before hoes." Chandler and Joey learn that girlfriends will come and go, but friendship is forever — a lesson we've all likely learned the hard way. Also, we'll never not laugh at Monica when she basically throws serious shade at every single one of her friends by saying: "Fine! Judge all you want to, but married a lesbian; left a man at the altar; fell in love with a gay ice dancer; threw a girl's wooden leg in a fire; and lives in a box!" I mean.. dead.

2. 'The One With All the Thanksgivings' (S5E8)



This one captures the true essence of the holiday, when the group laments about their worst Thanksgivings ever while in a Monica-food coma. The flashbacks are hilarious, including pre-nose job Rachel, Ross and Chandler with hideously bad 80s hair, fat Monica and Civil War nurse Phoebe. We've all had bad Thanksgivings for some reason or another, so it's like, same.

The standout plot point here, obviously, is the set up to Monica and Chandler's relationship, which will literally always make us melt. We learn about how their early interactions were nothing short of horrible and disastrous. However, they learn to move past those bad Thanksgivings, and our hearts swell. Chandler and Monica are the best TV couple, and we're always going to root for them.

1. 'The One Where Underdog Gets Away' (S1E9)

Friends 01x09 The One Where Underdog Gets Away



This one holds a special place in our hearts because it's the first time Monica and Ross are left to their own devices on a holiday, thus it's a critical moment of #adulting for the siblings. The rest of the group finds themselves without plans, and the tradition of Monica's Thanksgiving is born.

Things go horribly awry, and the group ends up locked out of the apartment, while Monica's amazing holiday dinner is left to burn. But they realize that they're together, and that's all that matters in the end.

It's heartwarming, funny, and sweet — all the reasons we love "Friends" to begin with, and all the reasons why the show has held up so well, all these years later. We love Thanksgiving and we love "Friends" — put 'em together, and you've got pure gold.

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