

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY METHOD

John 12

Observation – What does this say about God? About them?

Ask the 5Ws

- Who: John, one of the twelve disciples.
- What: An account of Jesus, to show he is God.
- Where: Key places: Judean countryside, Samaria, Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem (see maps online or in study Bible)
- When: 90-100 AD or earlier
- Why: John 20:30-31 Thesis Statement

“Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Textual Context

- Structure of the Book:
- Birth and Preparation of Jesus (Prologue) 1-1:18
- Message and Ministry (Book of Signs) 1:19-12
- Death and Resurrection (Book of Glory, Epilogue) 13-21

What comes just before? Just after?

Before: Jesus had just raised Lazarus in Bethany. The Jewish leaders needed to stop Jesus so the the Romans wouldn't make things difficult for them, and so they were planning to kill him. Jesus retreated to Ephraim, north of Jerusalem.

After: Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem and starts preparing his disciples for his death

Take Notes on the Text

Circle any unfamiliar or repeated words – define

Write down cross-references – look up

Jot down any questions

Interpretation – What does this mean about God? About them?

Write your own paraphrase of John 12:1-6

What was the author trying to say to the original audience?

What specific issue or truth is being focused on?

What does this text tell us about God?

Application – What does this mean for me? For us?

Is there something God wants us to know, remember, or do?

What does this mean for me?

How can I live this out in my life today?

How will I remember this or make it happen?