

Apologetics 101

Inductive Bible Study Worksheet

An inductive Bible study involves deductive reasoning (the process of reasoning from one or more statements (premises) to reach a logically certain conclusion) it typically takes three steps in the process: observation, interpretation, and application. An inductive study is seeking to supply strong evidence for the truth of the conclusion. Select any scripture from today's lesson and follow all the steps listed in this worksheet.

I.OBSERVATION

Matthew 16:13-16 (ERV) Jesus went to the area of Caesarea Philippi. He said to his followers, "Who do people say I am?"¹⁴ They answered, "Some people say you are John the Baptizer. Others say you are Elijah. And some say you are Jeremiah or one of the prophets."¹⁵ Then Jesus said to his followers, "And who do you say I am?"¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Author? Matthew. Although the author did not identify himself by name and we can't be certain, it is best to trust that Matthew is the author.

Audience? Jewish Christians

What is happening? Peter's confession of faith and Jesus responds with the revelation of how He will build His church

Where is this happening? Region of Caesarea Philippi

When is this happening? Believe it was AD 80-90 and possible AD 70-110

Why is this happening? Jesus was asking his disciples who they thought he was

How is this happening? Jesus and His disciples are away from Galilee to the north. Jesus asks them who the people say He is and also probing them to see if His own disciples understand Him to be the Messiah.

What does the passage say? (Make lists, identify: contrasts, promises, & commands)

General Observations

Significance

1. Who do the people say that the Son of Man is? 1. Some of the disciples were still unsure of who Jesus was and said "Some say John the Baptist, others, Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.
2. Jesus ask His disciples who they thought He was? 2. Peter, from the Holy Spirit, responds with Messiah, the Son of the living God

Ask lots of questions of the passage

Question? Findings

RECORD YOUR KEY WORDS (What are the words and phrases that stood out to me)

Key Word Definition

Son of Man - This is the name Jesus most often used for himself. It represents his humanity and also a clear reference to a prophesy about the Messiah in Daniel

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II. INTERPRETATION

Record the context of the passage. How do the verses before and after the passage help you understand the passage?

Matthew 16:5-12 Jesus has confrontations with critics demanding another miracle as proof of who he was. The disciples forgot to pack bread and Jesus tells them its not about the bread but to watch out for the leaven of the Pharisees and sadducees. Jesus is challenging there faith. He warns them about the false teachings of Pharisees and Sadducee.

What is the overall theme of this chapter?

The Pharisees and Sadducees demand miracles from Jesus although thatHe had already performed many. Jesus refuses and warns His disciples of the false teachings of the religious leaders. Jesus asks His disciples who people thing He is and also who they think He is. Peter say Christ the Messiah. Jesus also begins to reveal that He must suffer and be killed and raised on the third day.

Record your summary of the meaning in this passage:

III. APPLICATION

What does this passage mean to me?

This passage to me means that we have to have discernment for false teachings from religious people and that we KNOW the Jesus is the Messiah and our Lord and Savior.

How will I apply this to my Christian walk with Christ?

This is the good news that I can share with others that they have a Savior that loves them and wants to have a relationship with them. Let them know that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.