

Gospel According to John 10:37 – 11:16

New American Standard Version

1 ³⁷ If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸ but
2 if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so
3 that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I
4 in the Father.” ³⁹ Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him,
5 and He eluded their grasp. ⁴⁰ And He went away again beyond the
6 Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was
7 staying there. ⁴¹ Many came to Him and were saying, “While John
8 performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was
9 true.” ⁴² Many believed in Him there. **11:1** Now a certain man was
10 sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister
11 Martha. ² It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment,
12 and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.
13 ³ So the sisters sent *word* to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom
14 You love is sick.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard *this*, He said, “This
15 sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the
16 Son of God may be glorified by it.” ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and
17 her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when He heard that he was sick, He
18 then stayed two days *longer* in the place where He was. ⁷ Then
19 after this He **said* to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”
20 ⁸ The disciples **said* to Him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now
21 seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?” ⁹ Jesus
22 answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks
23 in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this
24 world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because
25 the light is not in him.” ¹¹ This He said, and after that He **said* to
26 them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I
27 may awaken him out of sleep.” ¹² The disciples then said to Him,
28 “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³ Now Jesus had
29 spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of
30 literal sleep. ¹⁴ So Jesus then said to them plainly, “Lazarus is
31 dead, ¹⁵ and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that
32 you may believe; but let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Therefore Thomas, who
33 is called Didymus, said to *his* fellow disciples, “Let us also go, so
34 that we may die with Him.”

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Observation (What does it say?):

Underline any places mentioned.

Circle references to belief.

In a few words, what did each of these believe?

- the “many”
- the sisters
- Jesus
- Disciples
- Thomas

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Why does John include details about geography?

How are those details important to the story?

How are the beliefs of everyone else similar to or different from the belief Jesus expresses?

Why does Jesus talk about walking in day and night? What does that have to do with the disciples’ worries?

How did the beliefs affect the actions of different people in this passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

How do your beliefs affect your actions, both positively and negatively? What beliefs to you have that don’t seem to affect your actions?

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Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation

(What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage (repetition, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect, unusual words, etc.)? Mark the passage (underline, circles, etc.) to help bring out the writer's thought process.

- Who are the people involved?
- What is the action taking place?
- What type of literature is the passage (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are there any unusual words used?
- Is there any symbolic or figurative language used?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Is there any repetition of words or ideas?
- Are there comparisons or contrasts?
- Are there indications of cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Does the passage contain any explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation

(What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts of the passage that would help you **interpret** the writer's meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application

(What does it mean for me?)

How does the writer's meaning relate to your life? What specific application might the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them. – J.A. Bengel