

Gospel of John

Study Questions

Chapter 5:

1. How does the Greek text of John 5:1 suggest a time gap between chapters 4 and 5, and what might Jesus have been doing during that period?
2. Based on the text, what is the key difference between the phrases "After this" and "After these things" in the Gospel of John?
3. Why does the author suggest that the disciples had "dispersed and went back to their regular activities" before the events of chapter 5?
4. According to the provided text, what was unique about Philip's call to follow Jesus compared to the other disciples mentioned in John 1?
5. What biblical evidence does the author use to support the claim that Jesus went to Jerusalem alone in John chapter 5?
6. How does the text distinguish between the initial encounters of the disciples with Jesus in John 1 and their official "call" as described in Matthew 4?
7. What does the author's analysis of the disciples' initial following of Jesus reveal about their personal initiative versus a direct command from Him?
8. Based on the passage, why is it significant that the word translated as "After this" in the King James Version is actually plural in the original Greek?
9. If Jesus was preaching and teaching in Galilee during the time gap, what does this imply about the continuation of His ministry between the events of chapters 4 and 5?
10. How does the author's interpretation of the timing of the disciples' "official call" in Matthew 4 provide a new perspective on the events of John 5?