



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 Samuel 16:4–13 Scripture Handout King James Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

(1 Samuel 16:4) And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

(1 Samuel 16:5) And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

(1 Samuel 16:6) And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him.

(1 Samuel 16:7) But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

(1 Samuel 16:8) Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

(1 Samuel 16:9) Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

(1 Samuel 16:10) Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

(1 Samuel 16:11) And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

(1 Samuel 16:12) And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

(1 Samuel 16:13) Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?