

The Gospel of John and Anti-Semitism

1. Circle the passage that your group has been assigned:

John 5:18–47

John 6:32–59

John 7:11–36

John 8:31–59

John 18:28—19:16

2. Read the passage carefully. Use biblical or theological dictionaries to look up words you don't understand.
3. Describe the context of your assigned passage. For example, who is speaking, and to whom? Where is the passage set? What happens just before this passage, and what happens just afterward?
4. How would you characterize the tone of this passage?
5. Find and copy three specific quotes in this passage that portray the Jewish people in an unfavorable light.
6. How can one or more of the documents your group has read help you to understand this passage more accurately (that is, in a way that does not promote anti-Semitism)? Use at least two specific quotes from one or more of the documents to support your view.

