



PROPHECY FULFILLED: Better One Man Dead

John 11:45-57

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John 11:45-53

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶ but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷ So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰ Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹ He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵² and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³ So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

Even Jesus' enemies acknowledged his miracles.

Evil cannot thwart God's good purposes.

The prophecy stands: One man died for the whole world.

For next Sunday, read John 12:1-11

Prophecy Fulfilled Better One Man Die John 11: 45-56

Review John 11:1-45

What are the main lessons about Jesus being the Resurrection and the Life that are so appropriate for our lives?

What impact did the resurrection of Lazarus have on the crowd?
John 11:45

What does it mean to believe in Him?

Those that did not believe took a different course of action. What did they do? Why do you think they did this?

The word Sanhedrin means "sitting together," hence "council." It was the name used of the council of 71 Jewish leaders (70 men and the high priest) that formed the "supreme court" that met in the temple. They convened every day except on the Sabbath and Festivals. They wielded much power in Jerusalem over spiritual and political matters regarding the Jews.

What was the Sanhedrin most concerned with regarding Jesus?
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What was the prophecy that was given by Caiaphas the high priest? 49-50

What was meant by this prophecy and what was the source of it?
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What did this fear and this prophecy lead the chief priests and Pharisees to do? 11:53

What do you think of this effort in light of 11:25?

Notice Jesus' response to the threat. What did He do and why did He do it? 11:54

Read 11:55-57. What do you see about the diligence of the religious leaders to carry out their threat? Compare this to 12:1

Who do you think was behind their thinking and plotting?

Why would the devil want to destroy Jesus before His time?

Why do you think Jesus came to Bethany when He did? Compare with 12:23.

Apply these principles from the sermon:

Even Jesus' enemies acknowledged His miracles

What does the world acknowledge today?

Evil cannot thwart God's good purposes

What have you witnessed about God's sovereignty?

The prophecy stands: One man died for the whole world.

What is your testimony about Christ's death for you?