

# THAT YOU MAY KNOW

*One For Many*  
John 11:45-57  
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“You know nothing at all. 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.” -John 11:49

## I. A DEVELOPING PLAN (VSS. 45-54)

- The raising of Lazarus seems to have placed the people in one of two camps.
  1. Jesus is Messiah
  2. Jesus is trouble, and he must be sacrificed
- The Jewish council (Sanhedrin) recognizes Jesus' signs as authentic, but they are primarily interested in their maintenance of power (Vss. 47-48).
- Caiaphas, John tells us, as high priest, unwittingly prophesies concerning the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus (Vss. 51-52; Isa. 53:5; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 John 2:2).
- On essentially the same day that Jesus performed his greatest sign, one group of people chose to worship him, and another chose to kill him.

## II. AN APPROACHING PASSOVER (VSS 55-57)

- John now transitions his narrative from the sign ministry of Jesus, to the Passion narratives. We will now enter into the final week of Jesus' life.
- Halfway through his Gospel, John has “closed the book” on the Jewish people. They are represented by their leaders.

## III. A DISCURSUS

- We do not sleep in death (Luke 23:43; 2 Cor. 12:14; Rev. 2:7).
- For believers, to be absent from our body is to be present with the Lord (Phil. 1:23; 2 Cor. 5:8).
- Non-believers are held for judgment (2 Peter 2:10).
- On the last day, our bodies will be raised and “reunited” with our spirits (1 Cor. 15:35-48; 2 Cor. 5:1-10).

**KNOW:** Jesus is often critiqued, but rarely followed. He came to die for his people and to substitute himself for their sins.

**DO:** Jesus was falsely treated. His followers will be too. Follow him anyway.

### Suggested Reading:

*The Work of Christ: Contours of Christian Theology* by Robert Letham  
(Available in the LifePoint Library).

## Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

### **Please Read John 11:45-57**

1. Why all the fuss among the Jewish leaders concerning Jesus' raising of Lazarus?
2. What is their final decision? How is it justified by them?
3. What was the purpose in Jesus' death? What does it accomplish for us?
4. What questions did the discussion on death and the intermediate state raise for you, if any?
5. What awaits us in death?
6. Why do we as believers need have no fear of death?
7. What application points do you take from the passage above?