



Come and See:
The Resurrection and the Life
- Part III -

John 11:45-57

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I. The Miracle Produces Two Reactions

A. "MANY" BELIEVED

John 11:45,

Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

B. "SOME" DID NOT BELIEVE

John 11:46,

But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

II. The Manifestations of Unbelief in Religion

**John 11:46,
But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees,
and told them what things Jesus had done.**

- #1 Unbelief manifests itself by denying the truth/facts/evidence**
- #2 Unbelief manifests itself by despising the Jesus of the Bible**
- #3 Unbelief manifests itself by being inconsistent**
- #4 Unbelief manifests itself by misplaced loyalties - this illustrates the control religion has over people**

The Manifestations of Unbelief in Religion

John 11:47,

Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

#5 Unbelief Manifests itself in Enemies Uniting over their common unbelief and hatred for Jesus

#6 Unbelief Manifests itself by not knowing what to do with Jesus

#7 Unbelief Manifests itself by ignoring the obvious - it is illogical

The Manifestations of Unbelief in Religion

John 11:48,

If we let him thus alone, all *men* will believe on him:
and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

#8 Unbelief Manifests itself in not being able to leave Jesus alone

#9 Unbelief Manifests itself in not wanting others to believe in Jesus

#10 Unbelief Manifests itself in misplaced fears

#11 Unbelief Manifests itself in self-preservation

The Manifestations of Unbelief in Religion

John 11:49,
And one of them, *named Caiaphas*,
being the high priest that same year, said unto them,
Ye know nothing at all,

- #12 Unbelief Manifests itself at times in the highest religious offices
- #13 Unbelief Manifests itself in rudeness
- #14 Unbelief Manifests itself in arrogance
- #15 Unbelief Manifests itself in a know-it-all spirit

The Manifestations of Unbelief in Religion

John 11:50,
Nor consider that it is expedient for us,
that one man should die for the people,
and that the whole nation perish not.

- #16 Unbelief Manifests itself in cynical pragmatism**
- #17 Unbelief Manifests itself in political expediency**

The Manifestations of Unbelief in Religion

John 11:53,

Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

#18 Unbelief Manifests itself in unjust and irrational behavior - their solution is going to be to murder Jesus

#19 Unbelief Manifests in cowardly behavior

#20 Unbelief Manifests in Satanic behavior and imitation

III. The Ironic Double Meanings of the High Priest's Statements

John 11:50-53,

Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. (11:51) And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; (11:52) And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

The Ironic Double Meanings

1. Jesus would die a substitutionary death for the people - Caiaphas was thinking His death would save the people from Roman intervention. God was thinking His death would save the people from their sins so they would not perish in hell.
2. Christ did die for "that nation," but He also died for others. Caiaphas thought the death of Jesus would impact both the Jews and the Gentiles in a harmonious way. God's plan was that Jesus' death would unite both Jew and Gentile in a new body called the church.

God's Sovereign Plan Was Accomplished through the Unbelief of Sinful Men

Acts 4:25, Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? ²⁶ The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. ²⁷ For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, ²⁸ For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

IV. THE MOVEMENT OF JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES PRIOR TO HIS FINAL PASSOVER

John 11:53,

Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

John 11:54,

Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.

“WHAT DO WE?” - WHAT DO YOU?

#1 YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD AND BY BELIEVING IN HIS DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

#2 YOU CAN CONTINUE TO MANIFEST UNBELIEF BY DENYING CHRIST AND BY OPPOSING HIM AND HIS FOLLOWERS.

#3 YOU CAN DO NOTHING, WHICH IN REALITY IS ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF UNBELIEF.

INVITATION TO CALL ON CHRIST IN FAITH

DEAR GOD,

TODAY, I REPENT OF MY SINS AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT YOUR SON. I BELIEVE HE DIED FOR MY SINS SO I DO NOT HAVE TO PERISH IN THEM. I ALSO BELIEVE HE IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. I ASK YOU NOW TO FORGIVE ME OF MY SINS AND BY FAITH I RECEIVE THE ETERNAL LIFE YOU PROMISE.

I PRAY IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.