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## The High Priests Prophecy

**John 11:47-57** <sup>47</sup>Then the chief priests and Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, "What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." <sup>49</sup>But one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all! <sup>50</sup>You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." <sup>51</sup>Caiaphas did not say this on his own. Instead, as high priest that year, he was prophesying that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not only for the nation, but also for the scattered children of God, to gather them together into one. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they plotted to kill Him. <sup>54</sup>As a result, Jesus no longer went about publicly among the Jews, but He withdrew to a town called Ephraim in an area near the wilderness. And He stayed there with the disciples. <sup>55</sup>Now the Jewish Passover was near, and many people went up from the country to Jerusalem to purify themselves before the Passover. <sup>56</sup>They kept looking for Jesus and asking one another as they stood in the temple courts, "What do you think? Will He come to the feast at all?" <sup>57</sup>But the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where He was must report it, so that they could arrest Him. (BSB)

### I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. The Jewish ruling council was convened to decide what to do with Jesus. V.47
- B. The dilemma was presented. V. 48
- C. The High Priest gave out a profound statement. V.49-50
- D. This statement was a prophetic declaration that Jesus would die to save Israel and for all who believe in Him. V. 51-52
- E. They began their official push to kill Jesus, any way they could. V. 53
- F. Jesus stayed close because of Passover. V.54-55
- G. The Jewish leaders staked out the temple because they knew that He had to come there. V.56-57

### II. What can we learn from this?

- A. Rejection of Jesus leads to decisions that do not make sense.
- B. Christ centered thinking may mean changes in our status quo.
- C. Leaning on our own understanding leads to bad choices.
- D. We must not give up on our calling in order to appease critics.
- E. Accept Jesus as He is and submit to Him.