

**The Bad Boys of Easter
Pt. 2 - "My Private Nation"
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**Christians often RESIST
the God we say
we TRUST**

HYPOCRISY

**There's a little bit
of allof THEM
in all of us**

**Joseph Caiaphas
Jewish High Priest (18-36AD)**

**Jesus Josephson
Jewish Rabbi (30-33AD)**

Matthew 23:33 (NIV)

"You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?"

John 12:17-19 (NIV)

^[17]Now the **crowd** that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to **spread the word**.

^[18]**Many people**, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him.

^[19]So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, **this** is getting us nowhere. Look how the **whole world** has gone after him!"

John 11:47-53 (NIV)

^[47]Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are **we** accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs.

^[48]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."

^[49] Then one of them, named **Caiaphas**, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "**You know nothing at all!**

^[50]You do not realize that it is **better** for **you** that one man **die for the people** than that the whole nation perish."

^[51]He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation,

^[52] and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one.

^[53]So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

John 10:17-18 (NIV)

^[17] The reason my Father loves me is that **I lay down my life**--only to take it up again.

^[18]**No one** takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have **authority** to lay it down and **authority** to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

John 11:53 (NIV)

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**Jesus Josephson
Jewish Rabbi (30-33AD)**

**Caiaphas
Jewish High Priest**

There's a little **Caiaphas
in all of us**

Preserve at all costs!

**The little gods
always disappoint**

**The little gods
eventually disappear**

**While saying yes to God
will cost you some things**

**Saying no
will cost you more...
including **WHAT** you put
in the place of God**