

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

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### **John 11:45-57 (NIV)**

[45] Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

[46] But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

[47] Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

[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.

[54] Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the Jews. Instead he withdrew to a region near the desert, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.

[55] When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover.

[56] They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple area they asked one another, "What do you think? Isn't he coming to the Feast at all?"

[57] But the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone found out where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might arrest him.