

*The Cast of Characters in the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus*  
***Caiaphas: “You Have Said So”***

Matthew 26:57–75  
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*Rome appointed Caiaphas to serve as the Jewish High Priest in 18 AD. Though he did not meet Biblical qualifications of a High Priest, he served the purposes of Rome, supporting Roman policies and keeping the Jewish people submissive to the Roman government. In effect, he worked for Pilate.*

*For his efforts, he was permitted to take for himself a large percentage of the temple tax and proceeds from the moneychangers in the temple. He was deposed in 36 AD. In 1990, an ossuary believed by most scholars to contain the bones of Caiaphas, were discovered in Jerusalem. In 2011, archaeologists announced the recovery of an ossuary containing the bones of his granddaughter. From Caiaphas’ illegal prosecution of Jesus, we can draw out four applications:*

1. C \_\_\_\_\_ the historical reliability of Scripture (Luke 1:1–4; 1 Jn. 1:3).
2. C \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ claim to be God (Jn. 20:28–29).
3. C \_\_\_\_\_ people who misquote Jesus (Acts 4:10–12).
4. C \_\_\_\_\_ on fierce opposition from religious people with political goals (Acts 4:19–20).