

The Words Of Caiaphas

John 11:45-57

The Goal Is Not Truth

Jesus Is A Threat

One Man

Verses 49,50

Then one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said, "You know nothing at all! You do not realize that it is more to your advantage to have one man die for the people than for the whole nation to perish."

Verse 54

Thus Jesus no longer went around publicly among the Judeans, but went away from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and stayed there with his disciples.

Verse 57

(Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where Jesus was should report it, so that they could arrest him.)

Verse 50

"You do not realize that it is more to your advantage to have one man die for the people than for the whole nation to perish."

Verses 51,52

(Now he did not say this on his own, but because he was high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the Jewish nation, and not for the Jewish nation only, but to gather together into one the children of God who are scattered.)

1. God was in all of this from the beginning planning it for good.

Verse 50

"You do not realize that it is more to your advantage to have one man die for the people than for the whole nation to perish."

"It is more to your advantage to have one man die"

2. Substitution is at the center of our faith.

God Killed Jesus?

Isaiah 53:4

But He lifted up our illnesses, He carried our pain; even though we thought He was being punished, attacked by God, and afflicted for something He had done.

Verse 6

All of us had wandered off like sheep; each of us had strayed off on his own path, but the Lord caused the sin of all of us to attack Him.

Verse 10

Though the Lord desired to crush Him and make hHm ill, once restitution is made, He will see descendants and enjoy long life, and the Lord's purpose will be accomplished through Him.

3. The blood of Jesus purchases a racially and ethnically diverse church.

Verses 51,52

“(Now he did not say this on his own, but because he was high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the Jewish nation, and not for the Jewish nation only, but to gather together into one the children of God who are scattered”

John 10:16

“I have other sheep that do not come from this sheepfold. I must bring them too, and they will listen to my voice, so that there will be one flock and one shepherd”

One People

4. Inside the offer of salvation, God has designed in the death of Christ the conversion of the elect, the scattered children of God, to bring them to Himself.

More Than An Offer

What does this have to do with me?

1. Be strong in the face of crazy times and what seems like defeat, because God is not just watching and waiting to turn it all for good. He is in it from the beginning planning it for your good.

2. In the face of your own ongoing sinfulness, take comfort that the very heart of life in Christ is substitution.

Caiaphas meant: We will kill Jesus so the Romans won't kill us. **God meant:** I will kill my Son so I don't have to kill you.

Romans 8:3

For God achieved what the law could not do because it was weakened through the flesh. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and concerning sin, he condemned sin in

the flesh.

3. The existence of the Jewish people today, and their salvation in the future, is a sign that God exists and keeps His covenant.

4. The design of God in the death of Christ to convert and gather his scattered chosen ones should effect us.

a. It should give us solid confidence in the invincible success of the cross.

b. design of the death of Jesus should give you an intense and personal sense that you are loved personally.

Galatians 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So the life I now live in the body, I live because of the faithfulness of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

God's mercy is wide and the door is open to you. Come