Series: Gospel of John **April 19, 2026**
Message: "What to do With Jesus" **John 11:45-57**

Big idea: The deeply seated sin of unbelief can only be overcome by the sovereign grace of God at work through the Word and the Spirit.

I. Quick review - the context…

A. One of the most DRAMATIC miracles in the Bible

B. The FOCUS is not on Lazarus, Mary or Martha, but on Jesus

C. The power for healing was in his WORD

II. The repercussions of a dead man rising…

A. Among the PEOPLE vs. 45-46

1. Many BELIEVED v. 45

- **The influence of a GODLY life**

- **John's FAVORITE expression**
  - **Believe speaks of a POINT in time**
  - **Believe must have an OBJECT**

2. Some REPORTED about him v. 46

- **It could be NEFARIOUS**

- **It's a contrast between BELIEF and UNBELIEF**

B. Among the LEADERS vs. 47-53

1. Wrong QUESTION v. 47

- **This is the SANHEDRIN**

- **Jesus is clearly seen as a THREAT**

2. **Hard HEARTS v. 48**
   - **Many signs, abundant evidence, but it's not ENOUGH**

   - **Their greatest FEAR**

3. **Sheer CYNICISM vs. 49-53**
   - **WHO he is**

   - **WHAT he said**
     - **Begins with an INSULT**

     - **Then adds a PROPHECY he didn't even UNDERSTAND**
       - ⇒ **He inadvertently explains the CROSS**

       - ⇒ **He inadvertently explains the PLAN of God for the ages**

C. **Jesus' RESPONSE v. 54**
   1. **WITHDREW from public ministry**

   2. **FOCUSED on his disciples**

D. **The LAST Passover vs. 55-57**

III. **What we take away… Be encouraged, God is at work even when you can't see it. His purposes will always be realized. You can ignore him, oppose him, blaspheme him, but you cannot frustrate God.**