



Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 29

Preacher – Sandy Mason | Text – John 11:47-57

Summary:

The miracle of Lazarus' resurrection (John 11:1-46) set in motion the events that would end in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. The miraculous power Jesus showed, and the growing number of people believing in Him, were a direct threat to the established order. Therefore, the Jewish religious leaders made the decision to arrest Jesus and kill Him. Little did they know, that even their plot to kill Jesus would be a fulfillment of prophecy, as God's plan for the redemption of His people moved forward in His sovereign timing.

Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?
2. What was the main concern of the chief priests and Pharisees (vv. 47-48)? Why were they so threatened by Jesus?
3. What did the Romans (v. 48) have to do with all this? How do they figure into the Pharisees' calculations?
4. **Application:** In what ways is Jesus a threat to the established order in our own day? How might he be a threat to the "established order" in your own heart?

5. What does it mean that Jesus was “deeply moved in his spirit,” and “greatly troubled” (v. 33)? If you have access to various translations, see how they translate those words. Also, check cross-references if you have them. How does this help you understand Jesus’ response to the scene before him?

6. How was it possible for Caiaphas to speak “prophetically” (vv. 50-51), even though he was openly rejecting the Lord and acting in profound disobedience to God? What does this say about the nature of God’s plan?

7. What do you make of the prophecy that not only would Jesus die for the nation (of Israel), but he would die to “gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad” (vv. 51-52)? **Application:** How does this apply to each of us today?

8. Why do you think Jesus “no longer walked openly among the Jews” after these events (v. 54)? Was he afraid of what they might do?

9. Do you think it’s a coincidence that the Passover festival was approaching at this time? What connection(s) can you see between Passover and the events that were quickly approaching for Jesus?

10. How would you ‘title’ this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?