

## SERMON NOTES

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### The Plot Thickens - Kill Jesus!

John 11:45-57

*“Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”*

*Vs. 49 “But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So, from that day on they made plans to put him to death.*

*Vs. 54 Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples.*

*Vs. 55 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? That he will not come to the feast at all?” Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.”*

“What was wrong with these “spiritual teachers and leaders of Israel.” How could they get it so wrong?

A Pharisee: Legalistically following the \_\_\_\_\_; self- \_\_\_\_\_, hypocritical, and focused on \_\_\_\_\_ appearances rather than inner character.

If the Messiah was to ever come and establish His kingdom, then \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel had to perfectly follow the rules.

*Vs. 48 “If we let Jesus go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”*

Galatians 5:1 *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of \_\_\_\_\_.”*

Matthew 23:27–28 *“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs; \_\_\_\_\_ on the outside but filled on the inside with \_\_\_\_\_ people’s bones and all sorts of impurity. Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.”*

Caiphas said, "It is better that he die, so we don't perish as a nation."

What was the plan of Satan regarding Jesus? Nailing him to the cross. \_\_\_\_\_  
Him.

The Pharisees were \_\_\_\_\_ their influence.

Vs. 47 - *"So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."*

Secret meetings, like secret societies are \_\_\_\_\_ Biblical.

What we do in secret is \_\_\_\_\_ secret from God.

Luke 12:2-3 *"Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. Therefore, whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops."*

A Biblically profound prophetic statement by Caiphas

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Vs. 53, They would do whatever it takes to \_\_\_\_\_.

John 8:44 "When Satan lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the \_\_\_\_\_  
of lies."

Billy Graham: "At times, the devil can be very convincing! After all, he doesn't usually come to us and say, "Listen! What I'm about to tempt you to do is a lie, and will lead you down the path to destruction!" No, he is very clever, and he will do everything in his power to convince us that his way is best — and God's way is wrong..."

God is about \_\_\_\_\_ not death. \_\_\_\_\_, not deception.