

“THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE”
PART 4: REACTIONS TO THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS
(John 11:45-57)

- I. The CONVINCED (John 11:45)
 - A. They were MANY of “the JEWS” who had come to MARY
 - B. They BELIEVED because they SAW what Jesus had DONE

- II. The CONSPIRATORS (John 11:46-53)
 - A. SOME of the witnesses reported to the PHARISEES
 - B. The Pharisees convened a council with the CHIEF PRIESTS
 - 1. They asked, “What are WE DOING?”
 - 2. They affirmed Jesus “is performing MANY SIGNS”
 - 3. If they do nothing, “ALL MEN will BELIEVE in Him”
 - 4. If they do nothing, ROME would take away “our PLACE and our NATION”
 - C. Caiaphas took CONTROL of the CONSPIRACY
 - 1. In the year Jesus was CRUCIFIED, he was HIGH PRIEST
 - 2. He accused his co-conspirators of being IGNORANT and UNTHINKING
 - 3. He advised that they KILL Jesus to prevent the DESTRUCTION of the NATION

- D. John provides another PERSPECTIVE on Caiaphas's words
 - 1. GOD spoke through the high priest without his UNDERSTANDING
 - 2. Jesus was going to DIE for the NATION
 - 3. Jesus was also going to die for GENTILE BELIEVERS
- E. The conspirators COMMITTED to planning Jesus' MURDER

III. The CONSEQUENCES (John 11:54-57)

- A. Jesus again LEFT the vicinity of JERUSALEM
- B. The general population was CURIOUS and UNDECIDED
 - 1. Many were coming for PURIFICATION before Passover
 - 2. They speculated about whether Jesus WOULD COME
 - 3. They discovered that if anyone knew Jesus was there, they were expected to REPORT it