

THE FINAL PLOT TO KILL JESUS

JOHN 11:46-54

I. SCRIPTURE EVERYWHERE TEACHES, BOTH BY DIRECT STATEMENT AND BY ILLUSTRATION THAT EVIDENCE ALONE CANNOT CONVINCe ANYONE OF THEIR PERSONAL NEED

- A. Some Of The Eyewitnesses To The Raising Of Lazarus Ran Off To Christ's Enemies, The Pharisees (11:46)
- B. The Consequence Of This Evil Report Was The Formation Of A Council Of Strange Bedfellows (11:47-48)
 - 1. They Are Perplexed And In A Quandary (11:47)
 - a. What They Exclaim: *"What Do We?"*
 - b. What They Concede: *"This Man Doeth Many Miracles"*
 - 2. They Surmised A Common Threat In The Ministry Of Christ, Followed By Foreboding Premonitions (11:48)
 - a. If They Do Nothing People Will Leave And Follow Him
 - b. If They Do Nothing The Roman Government Will Ruin Them

II. CAIAPHAS EMERGES AS THE EX OFFICIO PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL ORGANIZED TO DESTROY THE LORD (11:49-53)

- A. He Disrespectfully Tells Them They Are Ignorant (11:49)
- B. He Recommends Political Expediency Through Some Very Pragmatic Counsel (11:50)
- C. He Actually Makes A Prophetic Prediction (11:51-52)
- D. He Managed To Get His. Motion Passed (11:53)
- E. He Failed To Get The Immediate Execution He Wanted (11:54)