"The Plot to Kill Jesus and Lazarus" **Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John**

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## ****John 11:45-57 and 12:9-11 (ESV)****

# John 11:45-57English Standard Version (ESV)

**45**Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, **46**but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. **47**So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. **48**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.”**49**But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. **50**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.” **51**He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, **52**and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. **53**So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

**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.

**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. **56**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?” **57**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.

# John 12:9-11English Standard Version (ESV)

**9**When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. **10**So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, **11**because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

**The Question they asked:**

* **What do we do?**

**The question they should have asked:**

* **Who is this Jesus?**

**The response they should have had:**

* **Believed on Jesus**

**The response they had:**

* **Kill Jesus and Lazarus**

**Read ahead as we continue our study next week in John 12:1-22**