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WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?

We have hundreds of television shows, movies, books, and stories about people who commit murder. What do you think is involved in someone deciding to murder another person?

LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

Last week, we read about Jesus raising a close friend from the dead (Lazarus). This amazing act of love and power had some dramatic reactions. (You can read the back story in John 11:1-44) Read through this week's passage of God's Word, John 11:45-57.

What are the two different very reactions of those who observed this miracle? (11:45-46)

What were the reactions of those in high and powerful places in Jerusalem? (11:47-53)

(Note: "Pharisees" were an influential religious sect of the Jewish community who often taught in synagogues. "Chief priests" were officials serving to oversee the temple practices. They were descendants of Aaron, the brother of Moses, who was the first high priest. The "Sanhedrin" was an eclectic group of some 70ish men who oversaw Jewish affairs under Roman authority. The "high priest" was chosen as the leader of the Sanhedrin. He was to remain as the leader throughout his lifetime, but sometimes politics changed their tenure.)

What do we learn about how these religious leaders were responding to miracles of Jesus (i.e. His "signs")? (47)

What concerned these leaders? (48)

What was Caiaphas argument? (49-52)

Some believe that Caiaphas' prophecy had a double meaning, one for his own purpose and another for God's purpose. How might this be true? (50-52)

What conclusion did these religious-authority people reach about what to do about this miracle worker? Why? (47, 53, 57)

How was their fearful conclusion the complete opposite of what Jesus promised to the disciples, Mary, and Martha? (see 11:4, 15, 25-26, 40, 45)

Somehow, Jesus knew about their decision. (This is unexplained.) What was His response? Why? (54)

In conclusion, what is the difference between being religious and following Jesus?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

The men plotting to kill Jesus were well known as the authoritative religious figures of their time. How could these passionate and religious men have arrived at their conclusion?

What is the difference between being religious and following Jesus? (See Mark 1:17-18; Matthew 11:28-30; Ephesians 2:8-9)

What are the dangers of religion? How do we sometimes drift into these dangers today?

How are we to live when we see people in the world opposing Jesus and us, His people?

LET'S PRAY

- Please pray for our Halloween outreach on October 30
- Please pray for the Micah House team
- Please pray for our Elders and Pastors as they seek to shepherd God's people