

Kill Jesus!
John 11.45-57

Jesus would die for the Jewish nation,⁵² and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one.

Previously in “The Gospel of John”

Lazarus is raised from the dead...

From foes to followers

⁴⁵ *Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.*

Many of “the Jews” i.e. the Jewish leaders, believed in Jesus.

They had been among his enemies.

A crisis of faith

The Jewish leaders liked being in control and Jesus was killed because they saw him as a challenger for control.

Are we really any different?

Some saw Jesus as a threat. Others saw him as an opportunity.

Who or what would you rather give ultimate control of your life?

The choice is yours.

Political Panic

“What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many miraculous signs.⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

Jesus is clashing with political pragmatists.

⁴⁹ *Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all!⁵⁰ You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”*