TO BRING THEM TOGETHER AND MAKE THEM ONE

John 11:45–57

Key Verses: 11:51–52

1. How did many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary respond to what Jesus had done? (45) What did some others do? (46) Why did people respond so differently?

2. Who called the Sanhedrin meeting, and about what were they mainly concerned? (47–48) Why did they feel so threatened by Jesus’ ministry, and what can we learn from this?

3. Who was Caiaphas, what did he say to the Sanhedrin, and what was he suggesting that they do with Jesus? (49–50) How did the author interpret this? (51) Why should we consider Caiaphas’ idea as “prophecy”? What can we learn here about God and his ways of working?

4. Read verses 51–52. What did it mean that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation? (1:29; Isa53:5–8) Who are the scattered children of God? (Ro9:25–26) How would Jesus’ death bring all these people together and make them one? (Eph2:14–17) Why is this unity important? (10:16; 17:20–23) How can we have this unity among us practically?

5. What was the plot against Jesus? (53) How did this affect his ministry? (54) As Passover approached, what were people doing and saying? (55–56) What prevented Jesus from appearing in public? (57)