

Sermon Outline

“BETTER THAT ONE MAN DIE FOR THE PEOPLE ...” | Geoff Lin

Readings: John 11:45-12:11

Jn 20:30 Jesus performed many other **signs** in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by **believing** you may have life in his name.

1. Caiaphas (the high priest) says, “Jesus must die” (11:45-57)

i. the problem (vv45-48)

- Sanhedrin = Jewish ruling council

- regional geopolitics

ii. Caiaphas’ solution (vv49-53)

Jn 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world [lit. “cosmos”]”

Jn 1:11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God ...

Jn 8:37 I know that you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word.

Jn 8:59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

Jn 10:39 Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.

iii. the consequence (vv54-57)

2. Jesus says, “I’m ready to die” (12:1-7)

- Mary (why does she use her hair?)

- Judas (why will he betray Jesus?)

- Lazarus (why must he also die too?)

3. So what, for us?

i. Jesus MUST die

Jn 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

ii. WHY Jesus must die

Jn 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Jn 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.

1 Jn 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.