

JOHN CHAPTER 11

d. The Conspiracy of Religion and Life's Vicarious Death for the Gathering of God's Children vv. 45-57

45 Many of the Jews therefore who had come to Mary and beheld the things that He did believed into Him.

46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things that Jesus did.

47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees assembled a council and said, What do we do? For this man is doing many signs.

48 If we let Him do so, all will believe into Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.

49 But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, You know nothing at all,

50 Nor do you take account of the fact that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people and that not the whole nation perish.

51 But this he did not say from himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was to die for the nation,

52 And not for the nation only, but that He might also gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

53 From that day therefore they took counsel to kill Him.

54 Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went away from there to the region near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there He remained with the disciples.

55 Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover in order to purify themselves.

56 They then sought Jesus, and said to one another as they stood in the temple, What do you think? That He will not, by any means, come to the feast?

57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should disclose it, so that they might arrest Him.

JOHN CHAPTER 12

D. Life's Issue and Multiplication 12:1-50

1. Life's Issue -- A House of Feasting (a Miniature of the Church Life) vv. 1-11

1 Then Jesus, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

2 Therefore they made Him a supper there; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of the ones reclining at table with Him.

3 Then Mary took a pound of ointment, of very valuable pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was about to betray Him, said,

5 Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?

6 But he said this not because it mattered to him concerning the poor, but because he was a thief, and holding the purse, carried off what was put into it.

7 Then Jesus said, Leave her alone; she has reserved it for the day of My burial.

8 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me.

9 Then a great crowd of the Jews found out that He was there, and they came, not because of Jesus only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.

10 And the chief priests took counsel to kill Lazarus also,

11 Because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed into Jesus.

Questions

- 1) Who was the only person in John chapter 11 that did not have an opinion?
- 2) What is the significance of John chapter 12 following John chapter 11?
- 3) Who was inside the house in Bethany?
- 4) What were the "functions" of Martha, Lazarus, and Mary and why is this significant?
- 5) Why would the chief priests want to kill Lazarus?
- 6) What is the significance of the pound of ointment Mary poured out on the Lord Jesus?
- 7) What does the miniature of the Church Life mean (heading for verses 1-11)?