

“One Man Should Die for the People”

Intro: In the kingdom of God there is _____ nor neutral position for either one loves Christ Jesus as their Lord believing in Him or they are against Him, in rebellion to Him, at enmity with Him. Jesus said, "He who is _____ Me _____ Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters" (Luke 11:23).

A. The reason for this is found in who He is. Indeed, if _____ the Son of _____ (which He is for the Scripture proclaims and His works authenticate this truth) then how can someone believe in Him and at the same time remain _____ toward Him? To be non-partisan toward the truth of Jesus is to _____ the truth of who He is for belief in the _____ of Jesus demands adherence (conformity, obedience), and does not allow for indifference. Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15).

B. The study of the two responses of the people of today's text is meant to bring us to wisely consider _____ to Jesus and what our response means.

I. _____ of the Jews who came to console Mary _____ what Jesus had done (raising four day dead Lazarus from the dead) and they _____ in Him.

A. There were many Jews who "_____ " what the miracle that Jesus worked signified. They carefully and deliberately considered what they saw and _____ in relationship to who Jesus is.

1. Having "beheld" the miracle of Jesus as He raised Lazarus from the dead, _____ of the Jews _____ in Him. That is, they got saved! They came to believe _____: that He is the Son of God, the Messiah, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

B. "But," adversely, in contrast to those who beheld the miracle and believed in Him, "_____ of them _____" not believing.

1. In seeing with their eyes these failed to engage right _____ and thus, they _____ to comprehend what the miracle authenticated: that Jesus is the Son of God!

2. In _____ to perceive the truth these went away like _____ - _____ to tell the Pharisees of the things Jesus had done.

II. "Therefore", because of what those who went away to the _____ told them about Jesus, "the chief _____ and the Pharisees convened a special session of the full _____, referred to as the Sanhedrin.

A. The _____ erroneously responded in confusion and feelings of helplessness. Because of the signs Jesus worked they _____ that all would come to believe in Him and as a result that the people would rise up and

revolt against Rome. This caused them fear that _____ would come and take away both their place and their nation.

B. Caiaphas, in cloaking his murderous suggestion in national patriotism, told the council that they were brainless for not taking into account that it would be to their own advantage that _____ man (referring to Jesus) should _____ for the people so as to _____ the entire _____.

1. Through divine providence, Caiaphas, the one who rebuked the council saying they knew nothing at all, unwittingly prophesied that _____ going _____ for the nation; but not only for the nation, but that through His death He would gather together all believers everywhere into the one household of God, Jew and Gentile alike.

C. The council members' hearts were _____ together _____, hatred and selfish ambition. The murder of Jesus was their one goal and from that day forward they planned and worked together to see His _____ come to pass.

III. _____ the perfect will of _____ Heavenly _____ and the murderous plans of the Sanhedrin, Jesus determined to no longer walk publically among the Jews as He did previously.

A. As the _____ went to Jerusalem to prepare for the Passover they _____ if Jesus would attend the Feast, for Jesus had been laying low on account that the Sanhedrin had ordered that He be arrested that they might kill Him.

Closing: It was the will of God that "one Man should _____ the _____." Will you believe that Jesus is that Man and that He died for you and me, to save us from the penalty due us for our sinfulness?

If you _____ in _____, having accepted Him as your Savior and Lord, then the benefit of His death upon the cross is applied to you, and you are in right standing before God Almighty. You have passed from sin and death to _____ life for "He who believes in the Son has eternal _____."

But, for those who have not come to believe in Jesus, and even though they may feel indifferent toward Him, the Scripture still declares that "the wrath of God abides" upon them. As Jesus said, "He who is not with Me is against Me ..."

As a minister of the good news of Jesus Christ and in the care of your eternal soul, I implore you to carefully _____ your response to _____, and what your response means to you, for there is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved! Choose now to _____ in _____.

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