



John 11:47-57

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## ***THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS***

### **Introduction:**

#### **I. THE SITUATION REACHES THE BOILING POINT (11:47-53)**

##### **A. The Problem is Defined (vs. 47-48)**

“the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council...”

“What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs.”

“If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him”

“the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation”

##### **B. The Prophecy is Declared (vs. 49-52)**

“But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year”

“You know nothing at all, nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you...”

“that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish”

“he did not say this on his own initiative”

“being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not for the nation only...”

“but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad”

##### **C. The Plot is Devised (vs. 53)**

“So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.”

## II. THE SAVIOR RETIRES WITH HIS FOLLOWERS (11:54-57)

### A. His Withdrawal with the Disciples (vs. 54)

“therefore Jesus no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews”

“but went away from there to the country near the wilderness”

“into a city called Ephraim”

“and there He stayed with the disciples”



### B. His Popularity with the Crowds (vs. 55-56)

“now the Passover of the Jews was near”

“many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover to purify themselves”

“they were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another as they stood in the temple...”

“What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?”

### C. His Danger with the Authorities (vs. 57)

“now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he was to report it”

“so that they might seize Him”

## Conclusion:

### Food for Thought:

- 1) Why did the religious leaders meet to decide what to do about Jesus?
- 2) What did Caiphas mean by “it is expedient for you that one man die for the people”?
- 3) Why did Jesus go away to Ephraim (Ophra)?
- 4) What do you think the crowd’s interest was in seeing Jesus appear at the Temple?