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Wednesday Bible Study- June 10th, 2026

A JOURNEY THROUGH JOHN

Part 19: The Plot to Kill Jesus: Prophecy and cost of Jesus's mission

Text: John 11:45-57 (NIV) **Teacher:** Pastor Patrick Ahiadzipe

Introduction: After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, people were forced to make a choice about him. Many believed in Jesus, while others rejected him and reported what happened to the religious leaders. The Jewish ruling council became so concerned about Jesus' growing influence that they decided to plot his death in order to protect their power and avoid trouble with the Roman government.

Objective: The primary objective for today's study is to analyze the difference between belief and unbelief and understand how God uses even the hostile intentions of human authorities to accomplish his ultimate, redemptive plan for humanity.

Belief & Unbelief John 11:45-48

45Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. **46**But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. **47**Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many signs. 48If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation."

- Despite miraculous evidence, some remained opposed to Jesus, fulfilling the warning in Luke 16:31.
- The leaders chose self-preservation over divine truth, prioritizing their temple and nation. (Proverbs 29:25).
- Jesus' ministry threatened the Pharisees' power structure, demonstrating the conflict between worldly control and the Kingdom of God.

Question: Why do you think overwhelming evidence doesn't always convince people to follow Jesus?

Prophesy About the Death of Jesus John 11:51-52

51He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, **52**and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one.

- Caiaphas prophesy confirmed the prophesies about the death of Jesus in Isaiah 53:5-9, Psalm 22:16-18 and Zechariah 12:10.
- The prophesy confirmed Jesus's redemptive plan of gathering the lost sheep and extending salvation to the Gentiles. (Ephesians 2:13-16)
- His death will also result in bringing people from every tribe, tongue, and nation into one body of believers. (John 10:16)

  Question: What does it look like practically for the Church to act as one unified body of diverse believers?

Wisdom in Action John 11:54-56

54Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the people of Judea. Instead he withdrew to a region near the wilderness, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.**55**When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. **56**They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple courts they asked one another, “What do you think? Isn’t he coming to the festival at all?”

- Jesus did not unnecessarily expose himself to danger. (Proverbs 22:3)
- Jesus knew that the appointed time had not come so he retrieved to Ephraim. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)
- Jesus did not let the demands or expectations of the crowd dictate his movements. (Proverbs 19:21)
- Jesus used that time to equip his disciples. (John 9:4)

Question: How does a believer know when to remove themselves from a toxic or dangerous situation versus when to stand their ground?

Lessons

- ❖ Fear can distort spiritual decisions.
- ❖ Faith requires courage and perseverance.
- ❖ Walk in wisdom when facing opposition.
- ❖ Jesus died for the salvation of both Jews and Gentiles.
- ❖ Opposition cannot stop God’s plan.
- ❖ Trust God’s timing in every season.