



Title | The Quandary of Caiaphas  
Series | NOW I SEE  
Text | John 11:38-57  
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# Sermon Notes

**John 11:38** Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. **39** Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." **40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" **41** So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. **42** I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." **43** When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." **44** The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." **45** Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, **46** but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. **47** So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. **48** If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." **49** But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. **50** Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish."  
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## Big Idea:

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**John 11:50**

"... it is better for you that one man should die for the people."

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## For Reflection & Application:

### Monday:

Read John 11:38-44. According to the prayer of Jesus in verses 41 and 42, why did Jesus pray publicly and raise Lazarus from the dead? How does this help explain Jesus's surprising behavior and words in John 11:5-6, 14? Is there a lesson we can learn from this?

### Tuesday:

How is the resurrection of Lazarus in John 11:43-44 different than the resurrection he will later experience, alluded to by Martha in John 11:24?

### Wednesday:

In John 11:43-44, why do you think the author, John does not record the reaction of Lazarus and his sisters to the resurrection? Where is the focus? Is there a lesson we can learn from this?

### Thursday:

Read John 11:45-53. Why do you think the religious leaders do not believe in Jesus and plan to kill him despite the strong evidence that God the Father sent him? Is there a timeless principle here that is still at work today?

### Friday:

Read the words of Caiaphas in John 11:49-50. How are these words unwittingly prophetic? What does this tell us about God? Give thanks.

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