

Resurrection Requires a Response

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What has brought us to this point?

Lazarus has been raised from the dead.

Jesus' teaching about the resurrection in John's Gospel prior to chapter 11.

John 5:21-29, 6:39-40, 44 48-51, 53-54; 8:51; 10:17-18

Jesus proves He is able to do what He has said He would do in regard to raising the dead.

(See also, Jesus has the authority to forgive sins - Mark 2:1-12; Jesus has authority over the wind and the waves - 4:35-41)

Responses of the Eye Witnesses

Some Believed in Him

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him.

Some Reported What Happened to the Pharisees

⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done.

The Pharisees' Response

⁴⁷Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs.

⁴⁸“If we let Him *go on* like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

Caiaphas' Response

⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, ⁵⁰nor 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.”

John's Commentary

⁵¹Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

God's Sovereignty

Genesis 50:20

The Result

⁵³So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.

Jesus' Response

⁵⁴Therefore 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.

Preparation for the Passover

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

⁵⁶So 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?"

⁵⁷Now 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.

We see the same responses to Jesus' own resurrection.

The religious leaders try to cover it up by presenting a different story.

Matthew 28:11-15

Luke 24:19-31

v. 31 If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.

Thomas needs evidence that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

John 20:24-29

Jesus' statement and question to Martha are for us as well.

I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?

Jesus' resurrection requires a response.

Will you put your trust in Him?

John 20:30-31