

## **DAY 5 - FRIDAY**

### **TELLING OTHERS WHAT JESUS DID FOR YOU**

#### **SCRIPTURE:**

John 11:45-53

#### **OBSERVATION**

The resurrection of Lazarus was a catalyst of belief for many of friends and acquaintances of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. But some of them went and told the religious rulers, the Pharisees, what Jesus had done. Why? Who knows. Political advantage, fear of man, nationalistic religious pride...the list could go on and on. One thing is for sure, though. The resurrection of Lazarus set in motion plans to kill Jesus.

The fascinating irony is Caiaphas' statement in v.50. "It is better for you that one man should die for the people." Caiaphas said more than he knew. John tells us, "He did not say this of his own accord..." (v.51). He sure didn't. God was behind every word he uttered.

Jesus knew that resurrecting Lazarus would set in motion his own arrest, trial, crucifixion and death. God's plan to redeem his people, atone for their sin fully and finally.

Furthermore, it was "not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad" (v.52). Don't miss the missional aspects of this passage. The passage started with "Many...believed in him" (v.45) and wraps up with many more being "gathered into one."

Lazarus died and was resurrected. People told their friends and their friends believed.

Jesus died and was resurrected. People told their friends, and their friends believed, and so on and so forth for 2000 years. Until someone told you.

#### **APPLICATION**

The greatest evidence that you believe and follow Jesus is your telling someone else about him and inviting them to follow him like you have. Have you done that?

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, I want to make disciples. I want my friends to follow you, too. Lord, help me. Give me courage and opportunity. Give me clarity and wisdom. If you can use the words and actions of your opponents to accomplish your plans, I trust you can use mine to make more disciples.