



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 11:47-57 Scripture Handout New American Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(John 11:47) Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, “What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs.

(John 11:48) “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.”

(John 11:49) But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all,

(John 11:50) 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.”

(John 11:51) Now 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,

(John 11:52) 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.

(John 11:53) So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.

(John 11:54) 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.

(John 11:55) Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover to purify themselves.

(John 11:56) So 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?”

(John 11:57) 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.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?