



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 11:47-57 Scripture Handout New International Version

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) 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.

(John 11:48) If 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.”

(John 11:49) Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all!

(John 11:50) You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”

(John 11:51) He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation,

(John 11:52) and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one.

(John 11:53) So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

(John 11:54) Therefore 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.

(John 11:55) When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover.

(John 11:56) 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?”

(John 11:57) But the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who found out where Jesus was should report it so that they might arrest 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?