



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 11:47-57 Scripture Handout New Revised Standard 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) So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, “What are we to do? This man is performing many signs.

(John 11:48) If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy 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) You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.”

(John 11:51) He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation,

(John 11:52) and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God.

(John 11:53) So from that day on they planned to put him to death.

(John 11:54) Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the Jews, but went from there to a town called Ephraim in the region near the wilderness; and he remained there with the disciples.

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

(John 11:56) They were looking for Jesus and were asking one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? Surely he will not come to the festival, will he?”

(John 11:57) Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where Jesus was should let them know, 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?