

of leadership was more important to them than the arrival of the Messiah.

CAIAPHAS' PROPHECY OF THE DEATH OF JESUS (John 11:49-52; 18:14; I John 2:2)

1. In what verse is the prophecy of Jesus' death stated? John 11: _____
2. In John 11:52, what was the second part of that prophecy? _____

There are two ways we could go here, for the fulfillment of the this second portion of this prophecy.

1. The dispersed Israelites. 2. The Gentiles becoming one which will take place in the millennium (Ephesians 1:10; I Corinthians 15:24-28).

NINTH ATTEMPT TO KILL JESUS (John 11:53-57) (Refs. Mark 14:1; Luke 22:1; Matthew 26:3)

John 11:53—Then from that day forth, they took counsel together for to put Him to death.

STANDING ORDER TO ARREST JESUS (John 11:55-57)

The Pharisees then decided that they should kill Him at the first opportunity. The Passover which was near at hand would provide them with the chance they sought.

1. The chief priests and Pharisees had given a commandment for the time of this feast. What was it? (John 11:57) _____

Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him (John 11:9,10).

This meant, " So long as it is day, the time appointed by My Father for My earthly walk, continues, so long as there is any work for Me to accomplish, I am safe, and you are safe in My company."

Jesus knew His hour and He would be ready at the appointed time.

There will always be a cosmic struggle between darkness and light, death and life, evil and good. Jesus was now ready to go—to evoke faith in those who live, to impart life to the one who was dead.

4. From John 11:16, what did Thomas say to his fellow disciples? _____

Thomas thought it would be certain death to venture again into this city. But Jesus through love of His friends in Bethany, exposed Himself to death by His ruthless enemies in Jerusalem.

5. When Jesus got there, how long had Lazarus been dead? (John 11:17) _____

Martha, when she heard, came to meet Him: but Mary sat still in the house (John 11:20).

6. In John 11:21-27 there was a discourse between Martha and Jesus. Mark the correct dialogue.
(a) If Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
(b) I'm sorry I'm late.

- (c) Thy brother shall rise again.
- (d) I am the resurrection and the life:
- (e) He that believeth in Me, thou he were dead, yet shall he live:

7. In the discourse of Jesus with Mary, mark the correct dialogue. (John 11:28-34)

- (a) Where were You when I needed You?
- (b) Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
- (c) Where have ye laid him?
- (d) All of the above.

Jesus wept, (John 11:35), is the shortest verse in the Bible (Ref. Luke 19:41).

8. In John 11:37, Some of the Jewish bystanders had a question concerning Jesus'. What was it? _____

They all, in their own way, seemed to be second guessing Jesus' actions, but they had no idea that a greater miracle was about to be performed than healing the blind.

Jesus therefore again groaning in Himself cometh to the grave (John 11:38a). *He groaned in the spirit, and was troubled* (John 11:33b). Groaning, here, means to snort; be very angry; He was troubled in mind; agitated.

Jesus' reaction was not to their question but toward Satan . He faced a conflict with Satan, the power of death. As He went toward the grave, Martha warned Him Lazarus had been dead 4 days.

(But Jesus explained to her what He had told his disciples earlier [v4]), - if she would *believe* she would *see the glory of God*. — When the stone was rolled away Jesus prayed, *Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me. And I knew that Thou hearest Me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that Thou hast sent Me*. His Father and He had already planned the raising of Lazarus, but Christ was anxious that the people should recognize the Father's part in this great miracle. *He then cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth*. This was the voice that at the end of the world is to summon all the dead to come forth (John 5:28). But here the call was only to one man. Lazarus' response to that call is proof that all the world will respond when they hear Christ's voice. This miracle resulted in the conversion of many who saw it, but there were those who would not believe and who went away to report to the Pharisees what Jesus had done.

EIGHTH ATTEMPT TO KILL JESUS (John 11:47,48)

1. What council was it this time that conspired against Jesus? (John 11:47) _____

They admitted the miracles, but their hearts were hardened. Raising Lazarus from the dead was the climax of Christ's miracles. Realizing that His power was such that the whole population would soon turn to Him. This they did not want, for they said , it would mean the Romans would take away our place and nation (v48). It's evident their own position was of leadership was more important to them than the