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Today's Scripture Passage: John 11:45-53, 15:13 |

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45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. **46** But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. **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 miraculous signs. **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 place and our nation." **49** Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! **50** You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." **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, **52** and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. **53** So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. What is it that Jesus "had done"? (John 11: 45,46)
2. What did the Pharisees and chief priests fear?
3. Explain in your own words Caiaphas' scheme.
4. How would the outcome of this "scheme become prophesy" differ from Caiaphas' expectations?
5. In your own words define sacrifice.
6. How does your definition compare with John 15:13?

Prayer

- Pray that we can be sacrificial (Romans 12:1) in a 'selfie' society.
- Pray that we live grateful lives in light of the sacrifices that have been made for our benefit.
- Pray for our nation to be worthy of the sacrifices of so many.