

STUDIES FROM THE DESIRE OF AGES

Chapter LIX“ Priestly Plottings”

- A. Read John 11:45-53. Why was the resurrection of Lazarus the event that necessitated the death of Jesus in the eyes of the Sanhedrin? Why was it particularly embarrassing for the Sadducees? How did it embarrass the Pharisees? In what ways do the words of Jesus still offend religious people?
- B. What did the Sanhedrin hope to gain by putting Christ to death? In what ways do you feel tempted to put personal position ahead of God’s will for your life?
- C. How could one so loving, pure, kind, truthful, and divine be considered an offense to the religious world?

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- 1. What effect did the raising of Lazarus have on the people, the Sadducees, and the Pharisees?
- 2. What political reasons were suggested as reasons to destroy Jesus?
- 3. Where were Nicodemus and Joseph, more specifically, where were they not at? Why?
- 4. Did those present that day in the council really know what they were doing?
- 5. Caiaphas had a specific argument, what was that argument? Was it a new argument?
- 6. What did Satan use to effect his ends with them?
- 7. Why did Jesus go to another place? Was that running away?
- 8. Personal views: List a favorite section or some new thought from this reading.