

John 18: 12 - 18

Joh 18:12 Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him Joh 18:13 and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Joh 18:14 **Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people.** Joh 18:15 Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, Joh 18:16 but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in. Joh 18:17 **"You are not one of his disciples, are you?" the girl at the door asked Peter. He replied, "I am not."** Joh 18:18 It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

In verse 14, earlier Caiaphas said that it would be good if one man died for the people. Look at the reference below from **John 11: 47-52** and answer the questions.

Joh 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 miraculous signs. Joh 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 place and our nation." Joh 11:49 Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! Joh 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." Joh 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, Joh 11:52 and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. Joh 11:53 So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

1. Was Caiaphas a believer in Jesus Christ?
2. According to verse 48, why were the Pharisees angry with Jesus?
3. In verse 51, what does it mean to "prophesy"?
4. According to verse 51, why did Caiaphas say this about Jesus?
5. What were Caiaphas' intentions for saying this? (see verse 53)
6. What does this teach about God's involvement in Jesus' death?
7. According to God's intention in verses 50-52, in what way did Jesus die "*for*" other people?
8. Were Caiaphas' intentions good or evil?
9. What does this teach about how God uses man's evil?
10. Looking at verse 15 at the top, who was Peter?
11. Looking at verse 17, why do you think Peter said he was not a disciple?
12. How does this same emotion affect you in relation to following Christ?
13. Did Peter abandon Jesus permanently after this occasion?
14. What does this teach about Christians and Christ?