

“What Do You Do with Jesus”

Part 1

Why do we resist God?

What their stories illustrate is the Futility of Resisting God.

“You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell? ³⁴

Therefore I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify;

Matthew 23 33-34

“Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word”
Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him.

¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

John 12: 17 - 19

“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.”

John 11: 47 - 50

Choosing to Follow Jesus always costs something

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.”

“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.”

John 12:51-52