He Must Die

Shawn Jeffries · John 11:47

INTRODUCTION

- According to the Jewish leadership 2,000 years ago, Jesus must die because he was causing too much of an uproar among the people.
- His teaching was convicting and exposing their hypocrisy and corruptness and how they exalted man-made traditions.
- How exactly were they going to be able to kill somebody like Jesus who had the power to even raise the dead?

1 He Performed Signs

John 11:47

- And the first one was the fact that he performed signs. He performed miracles. He did things that superseded natural law, and not even his enemies could deny it.
- The chief priest and the Pharisees convened a council and were saying, What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs.
- They acknowledge that he was not a phony and a fraud and a fake.
- How do you kill a man who is so popular among the people? Because he is backing up his amazing claims with amazing evidence.

2 A Man With This Kind of Integrity

1 Peter 2:22

- Jesus had never done anything wrong in his life. Jesus was sinless and innocent.
- Jesus literally lived a perfect life. He was blameless and pure at the highest level.
- Peter tells us, in 1 Peter chapter 2 and verse number 22, that Jesus committed no sin and there was no deceit found in his mouth.

3 His Position as Divine Son of God

- Think about his position as a divine Son of God.
- Jesus is the Lord. He was God in the flesh. He's the creator, the sustainer, and the redeemer.
- And he even could have called legions of angels to come and wipe out his enemies.

4 Greater Than Every Old Testament Hero

Psalm 110; Matthew 12:42

- How do you kill a man who is greater than every well respected old Testament hero?
- Jesus was greater than David. In fact, David in Psalm 110 said that he would call the Messiah Lord.

- Jesus is greater than all those people combined because he's the exalted Son of God. He is God. He's the Christ.

5 He Laid Down His Life

John 10:17–18; John 15:12–14

- I laid down my life so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from me, but I laid down on my own initiative.
- Greater love has no one than this, that one laid down his life for his friends.
- The only way that someone like Jesus could be killed was if he allowed it.
- He wasn't a helpless victim. He wasn't powerless and weak. They didn't have any real power over him.
- He knew that only through his death could we have access to real life, spiritual life, and heaven with God.

THE CHALLENGE

Let us think about and ponder on how Jesus freely and willingly laid down his life for us so that we can have the opportunity today to be the children of God and to be in fellowship with God and one another.

MY NOTES