

Student's Name: _____

Sermon Notes for April 6th, 2025

Series: **"The Road to Calvary"**

Message: **"The Straw that Broke the Camel's Back"**

Sermon Text: **John 11:45-53** Old Testament Text: **Isaiah 53:1-5**; New Testament Text: **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**. Read **John 11:45-53 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

John 11:45-53: Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

1. From what you learned in the sermon, why did Pr. Dave say Jesus delayed in going to see Lazarus?
2. How did Martha & Mary react to Jesus's delay?
3. What amazing thing did Jesus do just minutes before He raised Lazarus from the dead?
4. What did Pr. Dave say this displayed about Jesus?
5. Why was the raising of Lazarus from the dead more "dramatic" than the raising of the widow's son in Nain or the raising of Jairus's daughter?
6. Read **John 11:45-46**. The Jews, who had witnessed Lazarus being raised from the dead, had two different reactions. What were they?
7. Read **John 11:47-48**. What is it about Jesus that had the religious leaders so worried?

Are their concerns God-centered or self-centered?

8. Read **John 11:49-52**. What did Caiaphas prophesy before the religious leaders?

Do you think this convinced some of those, who were opposed to killing Jesus, to finally side with those who favored killing Him?

9. Read **John 11:53**. The religious leaders had thought about killing Jesus in the past. What has changed here?

10. What will you remember most from this message?