

"Resurrection Glory"

Text: John 11:47-57

Scripture reading: Psalm 2

I. The plea for help - vv. 1-16

II. The promise of life - vv. 17-37

III. The power over death - vv. 38-46

IV. The plotting of treachery - vv. 47-57

A) The conspiracy of the council - 47-48

1. The council

2. The agenda

3. The motive
(Lk. 16:31)

B) The contention of Caiaphas - vv. 49-53

C) The curiosity of the community - vv. 54-57

Conclusion:

- 1) God's providence is not limited by man's wickedness

- 2) The redemptive purposes of God overrule nations and cathedrals

- 3) Christ Jesus died for the flock that He came to save

"It is the glory of redemption that it does not merely render God placable and man pardonable, but that it has reconciled sinners to God, put away their sins, and forever perfected His set-apart ones."

Arthur W. Pink

SERMON QUOTES:

3. The motive

Leon Morris,

"It has always been the case that those whose minds are made up to oppose what Christ stands for will not be convinced by any amount of evidence. In this spirit these men recognize that the miracles have taken place, but find in this a reason for more wholehearted opposition, not for faith."

B) The contention of Caiaphas

William Hendriksen,

"In the patchwork of his personality the strands of brazen impudence, insane ambition, rancorous jealousy and consummate cleverness were interwoven. ...That Caiaphas was a rude and sly manipulator, an opportunist, who did not know the meaning of fairness or justice and who was bent on having his own way 'by hook or by crook,' is clear from the passages in which he is mentioned."

C) The curiosity of the community

J. C. Ryle,

"Let us beware of supposing that miracles alone have any power to convert men's souls, and to make them Christians. The idea is a complete delusion. To fancy, as some do, that if they saw something wonderful done before their eyes in confirmation of the Gospel, they would at once cast off all indecision and serve Christ, is a mere idle dream. It is the grace of the Spirit in our hearts, and not miracles, that our souls require. The Jews of our Lord's day are a standing proof to mankind that men may see signs and wonders, and yet remain hard as stone."