### The Plot to Kill Jesus

**45**Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, **46**but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. **47**So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council…

…and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. **48**If 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.”

**49**But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. **50**Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.”

**51**He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, **52**and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. **53**So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

**54**Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples.

### Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

**11**On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. **12**And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance **13**and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

**14**When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed.

**15**Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; **16**and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

**17**Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? **18**Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” **19**And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

### The Coming of the Kingdom

**20**Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, **21**nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

**22**And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. **23**And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. **24**For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. **25**But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

**26**Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. **27**They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

**28**Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building,**29**but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—

**30**so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. **31**On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. **32**Remember Lot's wife. **33**Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.

**34**I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. **35**There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.”

**37**And they said to him, “Where, Lord?”

He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”