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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
**JOHN**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



# WELCOME

RICHFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH

## GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 09/14/22 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2022 Actual	\$51,725	\$918,454
2022 Budget	\$70,814	\$1,074,377
Difference	-\$19,089	-\$155,923

## HOW TO GIVE

At RCC, we believe that giving comes as a natural, joyous outpouring of worship for what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. So whatever is received, we are grateful and truly believe God is honored through our giving.

If you'd like to give, you can:

1. Give at [richfieldcc.org/invest](https://richfieldcc.org/invest)
2. Give through "giving" on The Church Center App
3. Give by text to 84321 (and text an amount to get started)
4. Give by cash or check in any of the "for God" boxes

# NO REGRETS

Guys, if you are looking for a group of men to connect and grow in your love of Jesus with, No Regrets is a great group for you to try. You'll spend the time living life together as you discuss Scripture and all the ups and downs life brings our way. Men of all ages are welcome!

**Time:** 7:00

**Cost:** \$65 for materials

**Dates:** Starts Thursday, 9/22, and runs through May  
(multi-semester program)

**Location:** At RCC

**Register:** [richfieldcc.org/events](http://richfieldcc.org/events)

Sign up for Gold Group (2nd Year, returning) or  
Silver Group (1st Year, new sign ups)



Ladies, join us TONIGHT at 6:30 for "Consecrated" - a night of worshipping the glory of God through music and prayer focused around lifting up our educators and students for the new school year.

**Location:** RCC Worship Center

**Cost:** Free

# SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

## John 11:45-57

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, <sup>46</sup> but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup> So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup> 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." <sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup> 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." <sup>51</sup> He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup> So from that day on they made plans to put him to death. <sup>54</sup> 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. <sup>55</sup> Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. <sup>56</sup> They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? That he will not come to the feast at all?" <sup>57</sup> Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

# NOTES:

# The Beginning of the End of the Beginning

John 11:45-57

Todd Chapman - September 18, 2022

Our text today marks a significant turning point in the ministry of Jesus. What John wants us to see is that while Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin take the first formal step to terminate Jesus' influence, God ends up using their words and actions as a means to launch Jesus' eternal influence.

**Caiaphas spoke and the Counsel took action to initiate the beginning of the end of Jesus' influence.**

**Caiaphas spoke and the Council took action that actually initiated the end of the beginning of Jesus' influence.**

# ***Life Group Discussion Questions***

Based on John 11:45-57

For the week of September 18, 2022

## **Reading the Text:**

1. In your own words, how would you articulate the big idea of this passage?
2. This passage is to be a turning point in John's narrative. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead and claimed to be 'the Resurrection and the Life'. In vv. 45-48, what are the people's reactions to Jesus' miracle and claims from earlier in this chapter?
3. What is the biggest worry or concern of the Chief Priests and Pharisees? Were these concerns justified? Why or why not?
4. John singles out the statement from Caiaphas to quote in vv. 49-50. How would you summarize Caiaphas' statement here? What are the factors he seems to be considering?

## **Living It Out:**

5. When you think of the crucifixion of Jesus, where One died for all, what thoughts or emotions come up for you? How does knowing God worked through horrible means to give us life encourage you today?
6. John tells us that Caiaphas was used by God as a mouthpiece to prophecy the crucifixion of Jesus. How do you reconcile God's use of a seemingly unjust leader to accomplish His ultimate goal? What difficult circumstance are you in that God may be using to accomplish His goal?
7. The religious rulers saw Jesus as someone who was jeopardizing their comfort and upsetting their plans. In what ways have you seen this same view of Jesus in our world today? How have you seen it in your own life?

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