



The Power of Biblical Expectations!

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Text: John 11:45-57

Passage Summary: As we survey the life and ministry of Jesus, one thing is certain; cultivating and maintaining Biblical _____ plays a key _____ in the life of a follower of Christ!

180 Degree Truth #1: See the importance of Biblical expectations in the face of clear and convincing _____ concerning the person and the work of _____! (11:45-57)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to Biblical expectations...

- Expect a _____ response to the _____! (v.45-46)

"Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done."

John 11:45-46

Remember: When it comes to Biblical expectations, let your expectation of a mixed response to your ministry of the gospel fuel an unwavering urgency to _____ Christ and Him crucified, and leave the _____ to God!

- Expect the salvific _____ of God in Christ to _____! (v.47-48)

"What are we accomplishing?" they asked. 'Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.'"

John 11:47-48

Remember: When it comes to Biblical expectations, expect the _____ to _____ tomorrow, and when it does, let it be a powerful reminder of the faithfulness of God to fulfill His salvific purposes in Christ; so go ahead, dare to live life as a faith filled optimist, and then in the words of Ignatius, finish the game!

- Expect God to work through _____ and _____ alike to advance and fulfill His salvific purposes in Christ! (v.49-52)

"You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

John 11:50

Remember: When it comes to Biblical expectations, God is miles ahead of the evil intent of the hearts of men, and in fact, works through that evil to bring forth His _____ from _____ past; in the words of the apostle John, Jesus is...

"...the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world."

Revelation 13:8

- Expect _____ men to act like _____ men! (v.53-57)

"So from that day on they plotted to take his life."

John 11:53

Remember: When it comes to Biblical expectations, the Scriptures are clear, "evil men and impostors will go from _____ to _____, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13) in the days leading up to the return of Christ; but the Christ follower who lives in the light of this expectation finds the strength to stand firm to the end!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine to allow God to bring your _____ expectations into alignment with His _____ expectations; give your life to Jesus now, and if you have, allow the Spirit of God to breathe fresh life into your soul through those cherished words of William Carey...

"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

William Carey