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Introduction

1. What is your favorite nation in the world? Why?
2. Do you think there is value in patriotism? Is there value in defending a set of borders? Value in defending a national heritage?
3. What is the concern of those in verses 47-48? What is the difference between a 'place' and 'nation' since they name them separately?
4. Try to imagine and state why this would be a concern to them.
5. What is the difference between what those in 47-48 are thinking, as opposed to what Caiaphas is thinking in his response (49-50)?
6. How is it possible that the plan Caiaphas has stated was not spoken of his own accord? What is his plan?
7. What was and will be the ultimate outcome for these politicians, Pharisees, leaders, and followers who sought to save their nation?
8. Considering the factors of 55-57 and the ideas of national heritage from earlier verses, why might there have been a conversation over whether this man, Jesus, would come to the feast?
9. Does God care if America or any other nation exists past tonight?
10. Is the gospel American in any way? Connected to race in any way?
11. Is there any part of being an American or any other facet of your life, ethnicity, heritage that is crowding out Christ and the gospel?

The Text

2 Takeaway Points

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