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A Little History About Caiaphas

Caiaphas was the High Priest of the Jewish People.
He lived in the southwest side of Jerusalem.
He was the son-in-law to a rich man named Annas.
In the early 1980s, an ossuary was found near Jerusalem (Peace Forest) with an inscription of Caiaphas' name and title.
Next to the Roman governor, he had the most power in all Judea.
He served as the head of the Sanhedrin—the Jewish Supreme Court.
Caiaphas took a leading part in the trial that condemned Jesus to death.

A Possible “Time Frame” for that Moment

Thursday, April 13, 33AD

5:45am – Caiaphas awoke for the day
11:15am – Caiaphas meets with a few close friends to deal with an “issue”
8:30pm – The formal Passover Meal begins in the homes around Jerusalem
11:30pm – Jesus and the disciples make their way to the garden to pray

Friday, April 14, 33AD

12:15am – Roman soldiers arrest Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
2:00am – Jesus stands before Caiaphas and two “false witnesses”
2:30am – Jesus is taken and thrown into a pit below Caiaphas' house
6:00am – Jesus stands trial before the Sanhedrin and is condemned
6:30am – Jesus is brought before Pilate
7:15am – Jesus is taken before Herod
7:45am – Jesus is taken back to Pilate where His crucifixion is authorized
9:00am – Outside the city, on a hill shaped like a skull, the man, Jesus is crucified
9:15am – Caiaphas gets the news and says, “At last, I am rid of that man.”

So Close

But He Missed It John 11:47-57

1. The Problem

A. The Council

John 11:45–47, NLT -⁴⁵ Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen. ⁴⁶ But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷ Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. “What are we going to do?” they asked each other. “This man certainly performs many miraculous signs.”

B. The Concern

John 11:48, NLT -⁴⁸ “If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation.”

2. His Prophecy

John 11:49–51, NCV -⁴⁹ One of the men there was Caiaphas, the high priest that year. He said,...⁵⁰ “You don't realize that it is better for one man to die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed.” ⁵¹ Caiaphas did not think of this himself. As high priest that year, he was really prophesying that Jesus would die for their nation....and for all the people.

3. Their Plot

John 11:53, NASB95 -⁵³ So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.

4. God's Plan

The One would die for the many • The Innocent would die for the guilty
The Just would die for the unjust • The Holy would die for the sinner
He paid the price • He took the punishment • He suffered in your place
And, He rose from the dead to offer you forgiveness and hope!

Mark 16:5–7, NASB95 -⁵ Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe;...⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.⁷ But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.’”

What do you think Caiaphas thought when he got *this* news?