

## **If We Let Him Thus Alone, All Men Will Believe On Him**

### **I. Introduction:**

- A. Following the resurrection of Lazarus, we find our lesson (**John 11:45-57**).
1. Miracles existed as a method of confirmation (**Mark 16:15-20** and **Hebrew 2:3-4**).
  2. Those with open hearts will receive what is proven (**Luke 8:15**).
  3. The opposite is true of those who have not honest hearts (**Mark 3:1-6**).
  4. Folks, miracles didn't affect hardened hearts even among "believers" (**Mark 6:39-54**).
- B. Certainly, we can tell that the "religious leaders" hated Jesus (**Matthew 12:14**, **Matthew 22:15**, **Mark 14:1**, **Luke 19:47-48**, **Luke 22:2**, and **John 5:16-18**; cf. **John 8:37**; **40**).
1. People could see the difference (**Matthew 7:28-29**).
  2. We need to understand that some think they're doing God service when fighting against the truth (**John 16:1-3**).

### **II. Body:** They didn't want the cause of Christ to continue (**John 11:48**).

- A. Truth cannot be left alone by the adversary (**vs. 48**), for it will convert and build up an honest heart (**Psalms 19:7**, **Psalms 51:13**, **Isaiah 55:10-11**, **Acts 13:6-12**, **Acts 19:20**, **Acts 20:32**, **Romans 1:16**, **Colossians 1:3-6**, **I Thessalonians 2:13**, **James 1:18**, and **I Peter 1:22-25**).
1. We can see the fear of truth spreading even after Christ died (**Acts 4:1-22**, **Acts 5:14-29**, **Acts 17:1-13**, **Acts 19:21-36**, **Acts 21:28-31**, and **I Thessalonians 2:14-16**).
  2. Fear not, we shall not let the truth be bound (**II Timothy 2:8-9**).
- B. The fight of the adversary is so desperate that they'll destroy Christ and all that is good to keep things they way they are (**vs. 48-50** and **Mark 11:18**).
1. Man does not want to change and this is their fuel for hating the truth (**II Chronicles 24:18-22**, **II Chronicles 36:11-17**, and **John 3:19-21**).
  2. We'd better watch out when we stand aright (**Matthew 10:16-18**).
    - a. Churches dividing (**I Corinthians 3:3**).
    - b. Preachers losing support (**Philippians 4:11-18**).
    - c. Family, co-workers, employers, etc. (**Luke 21:15-17**).
- C. The wicked will plot long and hard against the just (**vs. 53-57**).
1. They'll plot, not knowing their day comes (**Psalms 37:12-18**).
  2. They think they'll shut us up (**Jeremiah 18:18**; cf. **Jeremiah 5:11-14**).

### **III. Conclusion:**

- A. Have you lived the kind of life that the devil cannot leave alone (**Luke 22:28-31**)?  
B. Are you a threat to those who pursue and engage in evil (**Acts 13:44-51**)?