

The Bad Boys of Easter
My Private Nation
April 3, 2022

Notes:

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

In the days and weeks preceding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, the high priest Caiaphas found his way into the story. He had an opportunity to stand in the presence of the Savior of the world but refused to abandon his quest for control and surrender to his Creator. It's easy to dismiss Caiaphas as a fool. But we, too, are prone to resisting God and putting something else in his place.

In his message, Pastor Chris said, “We find ourselves resisting the God we say we trust.” In what area of your life have you found yourself resisting God, either in the past or currently? What keeps you from trusting Him in this area?

Reflect on a time when following Jesus would have or did cost you something. What did you do? What happened?

Read John 11:47-53.

Caiaphas, the chief priests, and the Pharisees worried about losing their power, influence, the Temple, and their control because of Jesus. What are some things that you worry about losing if you surrender to Jesus?

Is there an area of your life that feels chaotic right now? What would it look like for you to say yes to God in that area?

Saying yes to God will cost you something. But saying no to Him will cost you more. In what area of your life are you holding Him at arm's length? What do you need to surrender in order to give Him first place in your life?