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Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶ but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷ So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰ Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹ He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵² and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³ So from that day on they made plans to put him to death. ⁵⁴ Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples.

The kingdom of God is open to _____.

Following Jesus isn't about your _____, instead it's about celebrating His _____.

The Gospel message is: you will never measure up to God's standard of perfection, however despite your sin He has made a way for you through the cross.

_____ seeks to exalt self at the expense of God and to the detriment of others.

Seeking to manipulate God fails to acknowledge His _____.

God's people are those who _____ and _____ in Christ.

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The kingdom of God is open to all people.

Following Jesus isn't about your prosperity, instead it's about celebrating His glory.

The Gospel message is: you will never measure up to God's standard of perfection, however despite your sin He has made a way for you through the cross.

Self-centeredness seeks to exalt self at the expense of God and to the detriment of others.

Seeking to manipulate God fails to acknowledge His sovereignty.

God's people are those who repent and trust in Christ.