

**Devotional Thought**  
*Week of: February 25, 2008*

**THEME: The Plot**

**“If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away our place and our nation” (John 11:48).**

We have all observed the phenomenon. A personality, perhaps a television star, seemingly comes out of nowhere and suddenly achieves instant fame. Soon, a following of fans flock around the star and offer continued adoration. The glitter of attention may last for day, weeks, or months, but sooner or later his or her following thins out and the once popular personality falls into oblivion.

Jesus’ miracle and teachings had drawn many believers to Him. People throughout Palestine were beginning to take notice of Him and His works. Caiaphas assumed that if Jesus’ ministry were halted His followers would gradually slip away and so would the attention that he was receiving from the Romans. To sacrifice one life to protect a nation seemed a safe and good solution to the high priest. We know the opposite happened.

Christ did not lose His following of true believers. In fact, His sacrificed life was merely a beginning for one of the strongest followings this world has ever known.

Unlike the glitter that fades so quickly, Jesus provided much more than fame. He offered the hope of eternal life for all who would follow Him.

**Prayer Thought:** We realize, with thanksgiving Lord, that the sacrifice of Your Son was our beginning not the end. Amen.

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