

RESPONSES TO JESUS / *John 11:51-54*

Throughout chapter 11 we are given a variety of responses to Jesus. None of them are neutral. People who met Jesus formed a variety of opinions about him. Among them are the following:

Response:

Some, like Mary and Martha, displayed faith that needed to deepen.

Some saw the miracle of Lazarus's resurrection and concluded that Jesus must be telling the truth about his identity. So they put their faith in him.

Some saw the miracle and concluded that it was merely another reason to get rid of Jesus the troublemaker.

Some heard about the miracle and could only see Jesus as a threat to their power and position.

Some decided that Jesus must be killed and planned accordingly.

Some arrived in Jerusalem for the Passover curious about Jesus, moving toward acceptance or rejection.

Do you know someone who:

. . . needs to deepen his/her faith?

. . . needs to put his/her faith in Christ?

. . . considers Jesus merely a source of trouble?

. . . finds Jesus threatening?

. . . would remove Jesus if that were possible?

. . . is curious and might be open to the Good News?

Tell Them the Good News, that New Life Is Available in Christ!