

## **“I DON’T BELIEVE THAT!”**

### **JOHN 11:45-57**

Instead of acceptance of the gospel as the norm, rejection is more prevalent. Instead of most people believing the gospel, most people disbelieve it. There’s a reason why Jesus spoke these sobering words:

*“Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)*

### **NEGATIVE GOSPEL REACTIONS**

#### **① F \_\_\_\_\_ (11:46)**

They turn from the Promised One and turn to a political party. They turn from the \_\_\_\_\_ One and turn to the \_\_\_\_\_ ones.

If they made that choice while Jesus was in front of their very eyes, why would they not also make that same choice despite your sharing of the good news?

#### **② F \_\_\_\_\_ (11:47-48)**

\_\_\_\_\_ for each other is only exceeded by hostility for another.

Yet even worse than their exaggeration is the chief concern of their heart – \_\_\_\_\_ security. The mighty dollar remains quite the stumbling block for many.

#### **③ F \_\_\_\_\_ (11:49-52)**

They could save their own skin if this one man would simply disappear – as in die.

Caiaphas speaks the \_\_\_\_\_ and yet he himself does not believe such \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **④ F \_\_\_\_\_ (11:53-57)**

Their sordid aim, their devilish goal, is to squelch His life – as soon as possible.

Jesus warned His disciples of this consequence – not only from without but also from within where division would occur even among \_\_\_\_\_ because of the gospel.

### **CONCLUSION**

Do not be dismayed at the reaction you receive when you seek to impart the good news to a world cemented in a cesspool of corrupt news. For into this darkness stepped the Light and though rejected of man, He nevertheless grants eternal life to all who believe. It’s the gospel and it changes to the uttermost, even the most hard-hearted in this world.