

“Because You Live” by Kirk Hunt

*But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;
Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed
on Jesus.*

John 12:10–11 KJV

Not just any Jews, but the High Priests, conspired to kill Lazarus. Why? The testimony of his simple existence helped to draw and convert the Jewish faithful to Christians.

Too often we overlook the simple truths that flow from this passage: Your life is a testimony. The power (or weakness) of your testimony flows from the truth you live. All alone, truth has inescapable and undeniable power.

Scripture does not record that Lazarus ever preached or witnessed. In his silence, the High Priests knew of him and started writing out death warrants. Despite the silence of his mouth, Lazarus’ life trumpeted out the power and message of Jesus.

Too often, we try to bellow out the message of Jesus in order to win converts. Not often enough, we let the simple power of His truth shine out of lives. Lazarus’ silence drew men and women to Jesus.

People you have never met are hearing and watching your testimony. God’s truth does not need your bullhorn or contrived phrases. All that is needed is for you to eloquently live out your life in Him.

There is a time and place to speak your testimony for Jesus. More often, you simply need to let your life testify for you. What truth flows from your life?

Think: My life is a testimony. What does my life say?

Pray: “Lord, help me to live out a testimony that honors You.”

Copyright © April 2012, Kirk Hunt