

PROTECTING YOUR TURF

JOHN 12:4-10, 19

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

CAIAPHAS WAS PROTECTING HIS TURF—HIS POSITION AS HIGH PRIEST. See profile of Caiaphas at beginning of John 12. (**John 11:45-53, fn 11:51, John 12:10, 11, fn 12:10,11**) Caiaphas was a “tom cat leader.” A tom cat father will kill his kittens to protect his territory. Notice the second paragraph in the profile of Caiaphas. *How were Caiaphas and Jesus contrasted in paragraph 3?*

In what ways might you be protecting your turf?

JUDAS WAS PROTECTING HIS TURF—MONEY. Judas was a thief (John 12:6), valued money over Mary’s act of worship (**John 12:5**), and betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver. (**Luke 22:4-6, I Timothy 6:6-10, fn 6:10, I Timothy 3:1-3, Hebrews 13:5-6, fn 13:5, fn 13:5, 6**) *How can we know if our relationship with Jesus is hindered by money?*

THE RELIGIOUS PARTIES WERE PROTECTING THEIR TURF—TRADITIONS. See profile in Mark 2. (**Matthew 15:1-9, fn 15:1, 2, Matthew 12:14, fn 12:8, Mark 12:18-27, fn 12:26**) *How do traditions formed from lack of knowledge keep you from knowing Jesus?*

Did these people send Jesus to the cross?

For what sin and for whose sin did Christ die? (I Peter 2:24, fn 2:24, Galatians 1:3-5)

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshipping together.