A Comfort Zone is a place in your life that you return to time and time again because it is a place of security.

Breaking out of our comfort zones demands change and change involves risk.

Notice the Tactics used by the Jews to defend their comfort zones:

**Tactic #1: Form a Committee**
1. Gather the experts, form a committee,
2. Ask the question “What are we going to do?”
3. Their primary goal is Damage Control

**Tactic #2: Determine the Cost**
1. They had the right answers but were asking the wrong questions
2. They asked: “How will we be affected if everyone believes?”
3. What they should have been asking: “What is the truth?”
4. They were more concerned about losing their positions than they were with losing their souls

**Tactic #3: Resolve to Eliminate the Threat**
1. The High Priest now takes the floor
2. His solution: eliminate the problem – protect your turf
3. Either eliminate Jesus or risk losing everything
4. The result: They took counsel to have him put to death

**Tactic #4: Motivate the Multitudes**
1. Jesus leaves the region until the week of the Passover
2. Everyone is looking for Jesus at the Passover
3. The Sanhedrin threaten the multitude with a decree
4. The crowd embraces what the mob endorses

They were clinging to a worthless idol – the status quo.

**Conclusion:** What can we learn from this?
1. Above all else – strive to find the truth
2. When you find the truth – embrace the truth
3. Jesus explained it his way: (Matt. 16:24-26)
4. This challenge goes beyond surrendering for salvation