

## Crisis: Part 3 God Creates Opportunity

### Reference: John 12:12-16

Crisis is defined as a time of intense difficulty, trouble or danger.

#### ❖ There is a crisis brewing for the disciples

- Luke 19:11 The followers of Jesus expected God's kingdom to come immediately.
- John 12:27 Jesus focused on the Heavenly kingdom by foretelling his death in the same time frame as the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

### THE DISCIPLES DID NOT GET IT

#### ❖ All men are in a crisis called sin

- Romans 5:12 Sin created separation between God and man. Men became enemies of God
- 1 John 2:2 Jesus is the propitiation (payment) for the entire world.

#### ❖ The Disciples were having a crisis

- They did not understand
  - Their light was being taken away. The thing they had given up their lives for was leaving (Matt 19:27)
  - There was nothing they could do about it.

#### ❖ God has created an opportunity from crisis

- We have the opportunity to know Jesus and have a relationship with Him.
- There are 4 ways for men to respond to a crisis
  - Man has the opportunity to get mad and slice off the ear of the guard like Peter did in John 18:10
  - Man has the opportunity to get depressed like Job and say "the Lord gives and the Lord takes away" (Job 1:21)
  - Man has the opportunity to get angry like Cain and strike and kill his brother (Genesis 4)

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- Man has the opportunity to trust like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, face the fire and come out unharmed and clean (Daniel 3)

We have the opportunity to choose a relationship with God in the midst of a crisis. He has made a way through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection to come to Him and walk with God regardless of where we currently find ourselves.