

“Opportunity ...If You Want It”



22 *The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is also called Passover, was approaching. ² The leading priests and teachers of religious law were plotting how to kill Jesus, but they were afraid of the people's reaction. ³ Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples, ⁴ and he went to the leading priests and captains of the Temple guard to discuss the best way to betray Jesus to them. ⁵ They were delighted, and they promised to give him money. ⁶ So he agreed and began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus so they could arrest him when the crowds weren't around. Luke 22:1-6 (NLT)*

- Every opportunity has a **price tag attached to it!**
...the question is, **are you willing to pay the price?**

- Life comes with **LOTS of opportunities** to choose from. What are your choice(s) going to be and look like?

Surrendering, Letting go, Believing, Accepting,
Trusting, Taking a risk...!

²⁹ *A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. ³⁰ When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:29-30 (NLT)*

- **Great opportunities** come at **random moments** and in **disguises**
...they can also be hard to **accept or discern!**

¹⁰ *He replied, "As soon as you enter Jerusalem, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. At the house he enters, ¹¹ say to the owner, "The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?" Luke 22:10-11 (NLT)*

- Opportunity is all about CHANGE, **making us better people!**
...moving us from **HERE to THERE!**
...from what **WAS, WHAT IS,** to **WHAT IT CAN BE!**

⁵³ *Then he took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a long sheet of linen cloth and laid it in a new tomb that had been carved out of rock. ⁵⁴ This was done late on Friday afternoon, the day of preparation, as the Sabbath was about to begin. Luke 23:53-54 (NLT)*

⁵...*"Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."* ⁸ *Then they remembered that he had said this. Luke 24:5-8 (NLT)*

- What is that **"BIG OPPORTUNITY"** you have been longing for? ...or have you **given up on HOPE** because you think it will never happen?

¹⁹ *"What things?" Jesus asked. "The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. ²⁰ But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago. Luke 24:13-21 (NLT)*

- Opportunity is all about...
EXPERIENCING + SHARING = MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

²⁸ *By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, ²⁹ but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. ³⁰ As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!... Luke 24:25-36 (NLT)*

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