Friend Day / Palm Sunday

## **Peace Produced by Pressure**

Could we ever appreciate *true* peace, if we hadn't first experienced Pressures or Problems?

We are often distracted from peace by a wrong perspective in our minds or attitudes.

Blinded by \_\_\_\_\_\_ expectations, those who praised Jesus on Sunday, but did not defend Him on Friday.

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "... you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Matthew 16:23

## Luke 19:37-44

... "If you, ... had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes. Luke 19:42

Have I been confusing <i>Political Answers</i> for <i>Spiritual</i>	?
Have I been confusing <i>Personal Relief</i> for <i>Inner</i>	?
Have I been confusing <i>Popular Belief</i> for <i>Eternal</i>	?
Peace comes in the form of	
Solutions since answers don't promise	•
Healing since relief doesn't pose any	
<u>Truth</u> since opinions don't provide any	
Luke 22:39-44	

Matthew 26:36

Then Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, ...

Mark 14:32

They went to a place called Gethsemane, ...

Luke 22:39

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples ...

John 18:1, 3 & 26

... Jesus left with His disciples ... there was an olive grove, ...

So Judas came to the grove, ...

... "Didn't I see you with Him in the olive grove?"

"Gat" is Hebrew for "\_\_\_\_\_"
"Shemanim" is Hebrew for "types of \_\_\_\_\_"

An olive press, then, had four steps with four types of uses.

 $1^{st}$  – A commodity of exchange – sacrifice to the temple

- $2^{nd}$  Lotion cosmetic and medicinal for the body
- $3^{rd}$  Ingredient for cooking and baking
- 4<sup>th</sup> Fuel for lamps personal use

## Because Jesus was willing, He became our ...

<i>S</i>	; <i>Our payment</i> before God
H	; <i>Our possibility</i> for wholeness
<i>B</i>	; Our sustenance in life
L	; <i>Our direction</i> out of the darkness
	Only because of what Jesus did for us, can we peace.

<u>Optional Readings:</u> What Jesus did this week. (*Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday*) Pick One or Two *Matthew* 21-28 *Mark* 11-16 *Luke* 19-24 *John* 12-21