



# CROSS & CROWN

## **Mark 11:11 [NIV]**

*Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.*

## **Mark 11:15-19 [NIV]**

*<sup>15</sup> On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, <sup>16</sup> and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. <sup>17</sup> And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"*

*<sup>18</sup> The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.*

*<sup>19</sup> When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.*

**:: Human anger tends to elevate our PURPOSE, more than His.**

**:: Human anger is rooted in how we FEEL, but righteous anger is rooted in who God IS.**

### **James 1:19-20 (TPT)**

*<sup>19</sup> My dearest brothers and sisters, take this to heart: Be quick to listen, but slow to speak. And be slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> for human anger is never a legitimate tool to promote God's righteous purpose.*

**"God does not make us holy in the sense of character; He makes us holy in the sense of innocence, and we have to turn that innocence into holy character by a series of moral choices."**

**– Oswald Chambers**

**Where have you chosen to let your anger MISUSE what God has provided?**

## How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

### **You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness.  
I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

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### **For Further Reflection:**

:: Share a time you had to navigate feeling angry. Why did you feel that way? (i.e. what was the primary issue?)

:: What did you do in that situation?

:: What happened as a result?

:: What would you want to do differently, or the same, if you could? Why?

:: Read/Re-read Mark 11:15-19.

:: What stands out to you as you reflect on what Jesus did/didn't do?

:: Why do you think Jesus felt the need to express himself this way?

:: How do you tend to respond/react when you encounter injustice/sin?

:: How would you compare/contrast “human anger” & “godly anger”?

:: Read James 1:19-20.

:: What do you find most challenging about James' instructions?

:: What do you find most comforting, or helpful, in what he says?

:: What have you found to be the most difficult part of living as James says?

:: What might God want to show/remind you through these verses?

:: Where are you tempted to “misuse” what God has provided? (i.e. drift from His purpose)

What decision do you need to make to submit to his authority(crown) in that area?

:: Pick 1 thing you can do this week to more fully live into HIS authority & purposes.

“...for zeal for  
your house  
consumes me.”  
Psalm 69:9

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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### **Join us in-person for Good Friday & Easter Sunday:**

**Family Good Friday service** – April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30pm – Rock Island & Bettendorf

**Easter Sunday** – April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30am services  
Rock Island and Bettendorf --- Kids Programming available at all six options.

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