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BELIEVE

"Kingdoms in Conflict"

INTRO: *After consummating His "upper-room" teaching with prayer (13:1-17:26), Jesus began His final ascent to the cross by being tried before the Kingdoms of the world.*

I. Jesus came offering God's _____ to those who would receive Him as _____. From the beginning of His ministry, Jesus called for repentance because the Kingdom was at hand while He was present (Cf. Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15).

II. Jesus' Kingdom threatens the human kingdoms of _____ and _____ (18:1-19:16). *The Jewish authorities convinced the Roman authorities that Jesus was a threat.*

III. Receive Jesus as your _____ and live as _____ citizens now (18:37). *Jesus' response to all that happened during His final hours provides encouragement for His followers.*

A. _____.
Knowing His Father's will, Jesus wasn't passive (18:4).

B. _____.
Jesus boldly identified Himself (18:5-8), unlike Peter.

C. _____.
However sincere intentions may be, Christians must not permit others to derail their pursuit of God's revealed will (18:10-11).

D. _____.
*Those who are **of the Truth** will hear **His voice** in our witness (18:37).*