



WEDNESDAY

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"When the Right Time Came"

Do you ever feel like God is silent? Maybe it doesn't seem like He is speaking; maybe it feels like He is not listening; maybe it feels like He is not moving. Maybe it even feels like He is not working or perhaps He doesn't even care. As people, things like this may happen more often than we would like to admit. Here we are in Holy Week, and perhaps we find ourselves feeling a lot like the disciples felt twice during this specific week.

Wednesday of Holy Week was rather quiet. The week started with a lot of attention on Jesus and the disciples. Jesus' triumphant entry ([Mark 11:1-11](#)), the cursing of the fig tree ([Mark 11:12-14](#)), Jesus clearing the Temple ([Mark 11:15-26](#)), and Jesus' authority being challenged by religious leaders ([Mark 11:27-33](#)) were all seen at the beginning of the week. But, Wednesday seems to have been a little on the quiet side. The leading priests, the teachers of the religious law, and Judas Iscariot seemed to be very busy, but their busyness was behind the scenes. It might appear that God is silent while all of this secret activity takes place in silence.

Then, of course, following the crucifixion there was another time of what seemed to be silent. Many people witnessed the crucifixion. They saw the lifeless body of Jesus, they saw the body prepared for burial, and they saw a stone placed over the burial tomb ([Matthew 27:32-65](#)). Now what? It might appear that God is silent during the fear and the turmoil.

It might also appear that God was silent for about 400 years between the end on Malachi and the appearance of John the Baptist in the gospels. After all, there was no prophet from God speaking, and there was no biblical book written during these years.

I think the key word here is APPEAR. We should know by now that things are not always as they appear. Especially since God reminded the people in [Isaiah 55:8-9](#) that His thoughts and His ways are nothing like our thoughts and our ways.

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Paul says in [Galatians 4:4](#) that God sent Jesus "when the right time came" (NLT). God always works when the right time comes. He always moves when the right time comes. He always leads when the right time comes. God does everything when the right time comes. But only He chooses the right time. Our job is to listen and respond.

Even when we feel like God is silent – we need to worship, study, pray, learn, serve, and love. We need to become more and more like Jesus, and help others become more and more like Jesus so that we respond at the right time and join God as He changes the world for His glory.