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Malaysia is a multi-cultural society. There are sizable communities of Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and Christians. It is a country that is welcoming and accommodating. It truly is a wonderful place to visit but beneath the friendly smiles and the warm hospitality, there seems to be confusion and frustration that is ever increasing. Racial and religious tensions seem to boil over a little too often and with the economy perhaps not as vibrant as how it was for a very long time, Malaysians are desperately yearning for a new start or a restart. Some Malaysians view the current malaise that grips the country as the beginnings of birth pains that will hopefully usher in some new glorious political dawn. A second group of people are concerned that the stability of the country has been rocked and it is time to return to the 'good old times' of political 'peace and tranquility.' Yet another group appear to be trying very hard to present themselves as oblivious to the political maneuverings that is the staple of the local political scene and want to just 'get along' with everyone. How can the gospel and the task of apologetics be successful in a climate as diverse in its religions and races as well as its politics? The short answer to that is the intervention of the Holy Spirit. The longer answer is that one has to wade through the bewildering cultural mess and decipher the manner in which the Holy Spirit may best work.