Palm Sunday Unrealized Expectations

10:00 am *5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO -

10:05 am LIVE SHOT - ** Worship -

WELCOME to The Peak CC Church --- Online Platform – 1st time ... come in as a guest But you leave as family...

Self Intro - PEAK INTRO Young /Vibrant / Life Giving Church in the HEART of Peekskill.

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord.

*Online Connect Card * RightNow Media

10:30 AM **Announcements Video - Tithing

Building Update:

Remember: Mon: small Groups / Tue: Prayer / Wed: Women's Small Group Thu:

Bible Study / Sat: Men's Fellowship-Breakfast 9am Mohegan Diner

Thanking The HOVING HOME Ladies

Opening Prayer

Prayers for 1st Responders. PVAC - PD - FireFighters - International Crisis Response UKRAINE -

INTRO

Flash bulb memory - stuck with me... The day I was old enough to order & buy my 1st Big Mac. - ad pic

Imagine my disappointment when I came to find out it was all a lie.

Nothing can let you down more than an "Unrealized Expectation".

Waiting on that AMAZON package... anticipating that new "fit" you just ordered.. Ohhhh going to that party... looking fly.. Got that tracking notification engaged.. Package Delivered... you go get that thing,... open it up... &... NO BUENO!!!!

What a Disappointment

What kind of *unrealized expectations* are you battling through?

Did you take on a new job & thought it would be paper?

Did you pray for something / nothing OR someone to be healed only to have them transition home?

Did you go to a certain school thinking that opportunities would present themselves after graduating cuma su lada only to find out your only "real" job is still in retail? Or, maybe even worse... Public Service...

What do you do when the thing you were expecting to happen, DOESN'T? isnt realized

THIS PALM SUNDAY, the question is....

What do we do when the Jesus that you wanted isn't the Jesus WHO IS!??

<u>OPENING PRAYER</u>

VIDEO * "OUR KING" - Palm Sunday

Genesis 3:15 ESV

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Isaiah 11:1-16 ESV

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Micah 5:2 ESV

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Isaiah 9:6-7 ESV

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

As the ancients believed that the Messiah would come as a conquering king, they heard of things Jesus had done... His reputation... the whispers & claims...

IS HE the warrior KING who will set us FREE from the oppression of the Roman Empire? Is He the ONE who we've been expecting? How will we KNOW??

Zechariah 9:9 ESV

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

For SEVERAL HUNDREDS of Years the jewish people waited for the day that a man would enter Jerusalem's Eastern Gate riding on a DONKEY...

Luke 19:29-40 NKJV

29 And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. 31 And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.'"

- 32 So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. 33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you
- loosing the colt?"
- 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him." 35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.
- 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38 saying:
 - " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!'
 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
- 39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."
- 40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

Can I tell you something...? When Jesus has been revealed in your heart.... YOU would not be able to keep silent... YOU will need to tell someone about it. .. YOU will have a NEED to declare not only WHAT He has done but to proclaim WHO Hes IS

But what do you do when the Jesus you were expecting is NOT the Jesus that shows up??

Luke 19:45 NKJV

45 Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who [h]bought and sold in it, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

PAUSE!!

This passage reveals that even the religious leaders who served God daily.. Who dedicated themselves to be teachers of the Word, scribes of scriptures. Sages of their

time.... Were eventually led astray... drawn by their own desires they sacrifice God's WILL for their own...

Much like many of us in our western culture... we've become so comfortable. Many of us serve the Jesus of our minds rather than serving the Jesus *WHO IS*..

What do you do when the thing you were expecting isn't realized?

Romans 12:2 New King James Version

And do not be <u>conformed</u> to this world, but be <u>transformed</u> by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

What does getting *conformed* mean?

intransitive verb. 1: to be similar or identical also: to be in agreement or harmony—2a: to be obedient or compliant—

What is the meaning of being <u>transformed</u>?

to change in form, appearance, or structure; *metamorphose*. to change in condition, nature, or character; convert. to change into another substance; transmute.

& that takes place in our MINDS.... As a man thinketh... so he IS.

Forget about the God who YOU think is... or the one you think you need.... Or the one you want to be.... & cry out to the Great I AM the God WHO IS...

The Alpha & Omega The God who was & is, & IS TO COME... the Creator of heavens & earth...

We cannot fit God into the mold of our minds.... Making mental idols.

We must allow GOD to come into our hearts, be willing to be transformed by HIM!

2 Corinthians 5:17 New King James Version

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a <u>new creation</u>; old things have passed away; behold, <u>all things</u> have become new.

Jesus did NOT come so you can have your best life NOW or, so that you can acquire the riches of this world... He owes us NOTHING... He came so that we would have the opportunity should we decide to take it, to have SIN eradicated from our lives...

Wages of sin is death.... A separation from God..... But the gift of God is Eternal LIFE... Jesus came that we may be TRANSFORMED here & now. Ready to transition home that internal ETERNAL change happens in our soul & spirit manifested in our outward behavior.

I may not be where I would like to be in my walk..... But I PRAISE JESUS I'm no longer where i used to be...

You heard those testimonies last week... you know mine... & i know many of yours..... If you have a testimony of the JESUS WHO IS... let me hear clap offering... a shout of praise... some of yall should just do a little jig & dance for the Lord...

If you are here... with us in person or online part of the EFAM... you NEED a testimony... you want to know the Jesus who IS.... You hunger to be transformed...

Hebrews 8:8-12 ESV

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a <u>new covenant</u> with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

Do you want that?? Would you like to receive that today?? Right there where you are.. It's a HOLY PLACE Make an altar unto the Lord in your heart...

Dear God, I carry the weight of my failures, my sins, my rebellions... I'm so sorry. I need you NOW more than ever... I want to LIVE for YOU. to know Your Will & be TRANSFORMED into your likeness so that I could LIVE for you and be EMPOWERED to fight this fight. Awaken the spirit man inside oh' God that the sleeping giant should rise from within. Please give me the strength to press in & plug into your church, that I may be made ready for SERVICE in Jesus' Mighty Name. Amen

Closing Prayer - Call to Action

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us...Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

NEXT WEEK we're celebrating EASTER SUNDAY!!!!

INVITE A FRIEND!!!

"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace."

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!