

Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem as the prophesied

_____, and the religious leaders did not like it at all.

What are some ways that Jesus still subverts people's expectations of Him?

Jesus became _____ over the knowledge that He will have to _____ in order for mankind to be drawn back to God.

What are some ways in which people (even "Christians") demonstrate they "love their life" in this world more than Jesus?

Jesus did not fit many of the crowd's

_____ of what they wanted, so they missed out on the _____ and _____ He brought.

In what ways might we also struggle with loving the approval of people rather than the approval of God?

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the crowd was ready for a military takeover, but Jesus subverted every expectation by choosing a lowly donkey instead of a war horse, signaling a King who brings peace through sacrifice. We can often do the same thing today treating Jesus like a tool to fix our problems or meet our goals, rather than the Son of God who demands we conform to His expectations.

He was the head of wheat who must fall to the earth and "die" to produce a Kingdom harvest. Yet, this wasn't just a metaphor for His own crucifixion, but also a non-negotiable mark of the Christian life. To love your life in this world is to lose it, but to see your life as not your own but His is to keep it for eternity. A true follower doesn't just attend a service; they follow Jesus wherever He leads, which ultimately means giving up all of who they are for all of who He is.