

The King Comes Unexpectedly

Mark 11:1-11

The Most Important Week

- The first 10 chapters of Mark cover 3 years. The final 6 chapters cover 1 week
- Will you commit to our study of Passion Week?

God's Perfect Timing

- Both the day and the manner of arrival were deliberate
- Acknowledge Jesus as the Lord of History

A Clear Message

- For the first time Jesus presents Himself as King

The Challenge of Unmet Expectations

- Did the unexpected focus of Jesus lead to the disenchantment of the crowds?
- Guard your heart against unbiblical expectations

For Life Group Discussion

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1. How can our expectations work for us or against us? Is it wrong to have expectations? Why or why not?
2. Were you surprised to learn of Mark's emphasis on the final week of Jesus life? Is this emphasis reflected in the other Gospels? If so, what should we conclude?
3. Read Galatians 4:4-5 and Malachi 3:1. How do these verses reflect God's sovereign control over history? Was there any chance that these things would NOT happen? How should this inform our view of our life and current events?
4. The Palm Sunday crowd accurately understood Jesus' presentation of Himself as King, but they misunderstood what kind of King. Should we guard against overconfidence in our understanding of scripture? In what ways?
5. Have your expectations for the Christian life changed over time? How? What caused you to change your understanding? What advice do you have for new Christians?
6. Are you willing to commit to our study of Passion Week? In addition to regular church attendance, what practical steps will you take to get the most from this study?