



# MODERNIK

- WEEK THREE -



20 And when he had said these things, he departed into Galilee.  
when, when the kingdom of God is within you.  
He answered them and said,  
21 "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation,  
Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there!  
for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

2 And he said



## Big Picture / Key Message

The Kingdom of God arrives in ways we don't expect. While the world looks for power, dominance, and spectacle, Jesus comes humbly — riding a donkey, not a warhorse. The upside-down Kingdom confronts our assumptions and invites us to receive a King who brings peace, not conquest, and humility, not force.

## Sermon Text

*Matthew 21:1-11*

*Zechariah 9:9*

## Supporting Scriptures

- » Philippians 2:6-8
- » Revelation 7:9-10

## Opening

### Icebreaker:

- » When have your expectations been very different from reality?
- » Why do you think people often struggle to accept things that come quietly or humbly?



## Going Deeper

### Expectations of a Conquering King (Matthew 21:8–11)

- » What did the palm branches symbolize to the crowd?
- » What kind of king were the people hoping Jesus would be?
- » Where do we still expect Jesus to meet our expectations rather than redefine them?

### The Donkey and the Nature of the Kingdom (Matthew 21:5; Zechariah 9:9)

- » Why is the donkey such an important symbol here?
- » How does Jesus intentionally challenge cultural ideas of power?
- » What does this teach us about how God brings change?

### Jesus Redefines Greatness (Philippians 2:6–8)

- » How does Jesus' humility contrast with worldly leadership?
- » Why is humility central to the Kingdom of God?
- » What makes humility difficult to embrace?

### From Misunderstanding to True Worship (Revelation 7:9–10)

- » How does this future scene reshape the meaning of palm branches?
- » What's the difference between praise rooted in expectation and worship rooted in truth?
- » How does seeing Jesus clearly change how we follow Him?

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## Biblical Examples

- » Israel asking for a military king (1 Samuel 8)
- » Jesus washing the disciples' feet (John 13)

## Personal Reflection

- » Where might you be projecting expectations onto Jesus?
- » What would it look like to receive Him as He truly is, not as you want Him to be?
- » How is God inviting you to practice humility this week?

## Prayer Focus

Ask God to reshape your expectations

Pray for humility and teachability

Surrender areas where pride or control are present

## On Your Own (Weekly Practice)

- » Practice one intentional act of humility this week
- » Welcome Jesus into an area of life you've been holding back
- » Look for ways to serve quietly, without recognition