

Sermon Questions

Worship the True King

Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:39-42a

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CONNECT:

- How do you tend to react when your expectations aren't met?

GROW:

- For context, read Zechariah 9:9. What did this Old Testament prophet prophesy regarding Israel's great coming King?
- Read Mark 11:1-11 and Luke 19:39-42a. How is Zechariah's prophecy fulfilled in these gospel narratives? In the preceding narrative (Mark 10:47-48) and in Mark 11:10, what were people recognizing about Jesus? What might this recognition lead to (2 Samuel 7:12-17 and Isaiah 9:6-7)?
- How does Isaiah 52:13-15 and Isaiah 53 highlight what the Jews were missing in their expectations of their coming King?
- Why did Jesus weep (Luke 19:39-42a) as He approached Jerusalem (see also John 1:9-11)?
- How is it that people who cried out "Hosanna – Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" – be crying out "Crucify Him" by the end of the week? How do you make sense of that shift in perspective?
- Are your own expectations of Jesus biblically accurate? Please explain.

GO:

- What adjustments might you need to address to line your expectations of Jesus up with Scripture?

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1. God is so worthy of worship that even dumb, lifeless, inanimate objects (stones) will have the good sense to praise Him, if we fail to do so (Luke 19:37-40). Let us live lives of praise to God (Revelation 4; Isaiah 6; Psalm 75:2, 100:2).
2. God is worthy of worship regardless of our circumstances. Let us never imitate the fickle crowds who cried out "blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" one day (Mark 11:9-10) and "crucify Him" later in the week. God is always worthy of worship because of Who He is, not because of our personal circumstances.
3. God is worthy of being worshipped by all. Jesus wept over Jerusalem partly because they did not accurately know Who He was/is (Luke 19:41-42). Please make sure that you know Jesus alone as your Savior and Lord! And for those who already know Jesus as Savior and Lord, may we graciously, yet boldly, tell others about salvation in Jesus alone (2 Corinthians 5:20-21; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9-10).

Next week's text: Mark 15-16