



Unstable Thinking
(How to Deal with People who Keep Changing Their Minds)

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Mark 15:13–14 (NIV):

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14 “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.
But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

Mark 11:9-10

9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,
“Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
10 “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”¹

Series Summary:

1. All-in Thinking (The Positive Power of Desperation)
2. Checked-out Thinking (Jairus’ Daughter died and seemed forgotten)
3. Let’s Go Thinking (Asking, Seeking and Knocking)
4. **Unstable Thinking (How do you deal with people who keep changing their minds)**
5. Resurrected Thinking (How do you think on the other side of your dream?)

Questions: Have you ever seen people change their minds?

Reasons People change their minds²

1. New Information
2. Personal experiences
3. Critical thinking
4. Social Influence
5. Emotional factors
6. Cognitive biases (or personal preferences)
7. Growth and development
8. Pragmatism

¹ Mark 11:7-10 (NIV)

² Chatgpt: Why do people change their minds?



- Sometimes, people change their minds for practical reasons, such as to achieve a particular goal, solve a problem, or adapt to changing circumstances.

Text: Mark 11:1–3 (NIV):

The Trip to Jerusalem: (JESUS PLANNED THE TRIP)

- As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, **you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden.** Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ”7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

The Response in Jerusalem: (Everyone was excited)

- 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.
- 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed **shouted, “Hosanna!”** “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
- 10 “Blessed is the coming **kingdom** of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

The Rejection in Jerusalem: Mark 15:13–14 (NIV):

- 13 “**Crucify him!**” they shouted. 14 “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “**Crucify him!**”

Conclusion:

Questions:

1. Have you changed your mind about Christ?
2. Are you slowly or quickly backsliding?

Next Time: Resurrected Thinking

Big Point: How do you think on the other side of your dream?