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**The Jesus You Want vs The Jesus You Need**

Mark 11:1-11

**Key Truth:** Jesus desires followers who will trust Him rather than fans whose allegiance is conditional.

**The Jesus They Wanted:**

1. Military Leader: They wanted a Jesus who would defeat

 their enemies. Luke 19:11

2. Political Leader: They wanted a Jesus who would solve

 their problems

**The Jesus They Needed:**

1. A Savior who delivers them from the bondage of sin.

 **Matthew 1:21**

2. A Physician who transforms hearts and opens spiritually

 blind eyes.

3. A Humble Leader who serves and unites all people

 under one Kingdom.

 A. Jesus sacrificial love reaches beyond nations and

 ethnicities.

**What To Do When Jesus Doesn’t Meet “Your” Expectations:**

1. Trust that Jesus knows what’s best.

2. Trust that Jesus is who He says He is.

3. Don’t abandon Jesus even when life gets tough.

4. Believe that Jesus will provide wherever He guides.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Trust that Jesus will act in His perfect timing and purposes, as we faithfully acknowledge Him as Lord and Savior of our lives.

**Food For Thought**

How do you typically respond...?:

When you’re disappointed, either with God’s response, or your perceived lack of his response?

When it’s almost as though God hasn’t heard your pleas and requests?

In the following verses, how do the writers of Psalms speak to the fact that God doesn’t always move in the ways we expect?

Psalm 25:15-22

Psalm 13:1-6

Read Hebrews 11:32-40: How do you see the fact that life doesn’t always turn out the way we want it to?

As you reflect on these heroes of faith, what strengthens your faith so you can focus on God’s love and care in spite of the struggle?

How were the people’s expectations of the Messiah different from Jesus’ true intentions?

When have your expectations about God been different from the way He has revealed Himself to you?