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**The Jesus You Need, But Not The One You Want**

Matthew 21:1-11

**Key Truth:** Jesus is the King we have been waiting for, in fulfillment of prophecy, full of grace and truth.

**The Crowd Was Expecting A Different Messiah:**

1. They wanted a Messiah to crush their enemies.

 A. But He came to defeat the power of sin in their lives.

2. They wanted a Messiah to bring about physical and

 financial prosperity.

 A. But He wanted to heal their impoverished soul.

3. They wanted a Messiah to judge the bad guys.

 A. But He came to restore peace between God and

 mankind.

**Jesus Actions Declares Who He Is:**

1. Jesus declares, I Am the long-awaited Messiah.

2. Jesus declares, I Am the King of Israel who is coming to

 claim His rightful authority as the true center of

 Israel’s life.

3. Jesus declares, I come in peace and humility.

4. Jesus declares, I come to bring healing and salvation.

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

1. Acknowledge that He’s God and you are not.

2. Trust that He knows best.

3. Obey what He tells you to do, even if it doesn’t make

 sense.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Give thanks to King Jesus. Proclaim your allegiance to Him as Lord of your life.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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?

Read Matthew 21:6-11: How did the crowd receive King Jesus?

The cry “Hosanna” means, “save us.” Yet at the end of the week, the crowd would be yelling something entirely different. What does this teach us about the fickle nature of our own hearts?

What are the implications of Jesus being King of this church? How will we respond individually to His kingship?

People are actively making a choice: accept Jesus as King or reject Him. What does the response of the crowd teach us about the people we encounter every day?

How can we live in a way that shows we believe Jesus is the true King?

Read Matthew 16:21-23: According to Jesus, Peter responded this way because he was setting his mind on the things of man. How is this a hindrance to Peter sacrificially serving the Lord?