

Palm Sunday 2021: Expectations

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I. Figuring Things Out

Key Truth: Sometimes We Think We Know,
When We Don't Actually Know

II. Jerusalem Bound

Mark 11:7-11

Point: Jesus' Actions Were Entirely Unexpected

III. Ill-Prepared & Unaware

Mark 11:12-14

Point: Jesus' Actions Had A Much Deeper Meaning

IV. Scattered For A Purpose

Zechariah 13:7

Point: God Always Has A Reason

V. Acceptable Ambiguity

VI. Challenge & Invitation

Mid-Week Devotion *(Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)*

Expectations are derived from perceived understanding. Once we feel we have figured something out, we tend to move on to the next thing. This can be altogether fine in most areas of life. It can be outright dangerous when applied to God and faith.

God is not bound or constrained by anything—especially human expectations. There are times when His plans & motives are clear and times when they are either momentarily or permanently hidden. Sometimes we think we know when we don't actually know.

Both the mysteries and the certitudes of God's ways draw us to Him. He created us with an innate longing for understanding. Be careful, however, to not let that desire anchor you in faithlessness or cripple you in self-induced deception. Resist the temptation to jump-to-conclusions that the Holy Spirit neither prompted, nor revealed.

Is any aspect of your faith in God or relationship with Him built on expectations or assumptions that are not actually communicated in His Word? Has the idea that you know what He is going to do or why He is doing it, inadvertently closed your mind to other possibilities?

Prayerfully consider if expectations and assumptions are affecting your relationship with God and your understanding of His unfolding plan. Thank Him for His presence in your life. Affirm your commitment to trust and follow Him even when you do not fully understand His ways.