

 <p><b>SERIES &amp; TITLE</b></p>	<p>Palm Sunday 2024 - Lessons in Missing the Point</p>
 <p><b>BIG IDEA</b></p>	<p>Jesus doesn't fulfill promises he never made, nor meet expectations he never promised.</p>
 <p><b>ICE BREAKER</b></p>	<p>Share a time when their expectations were not met - it could be from a movie, event, purchase, etc. How did they feel when reality didn't match their expectations?</p>
 <p><b>MAIN POINTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to great fan fair and excitement .</li> <li>• The people expected Jesus to overthrow Roman rule and restore an earthly Jewish kingdom.</li> <li>• Jesus came to conquer sin and death, establishing a spiritual kingdom, not an earthly one.</li> <li>• When Jesus did not meet their expectations for an earthly Messiah, the crowds turned on Him.</li> <li>• We often want Jesus to meet our own desires rather than submitting to His will and purposes.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>DISCUSS</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why was it significant that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey rather than a warhorse?</li> <li>2. What motivated the crowd's shift from "Hosanna!" to "Crucify Him!" in just a few days?</li> <li>3. Why do you think Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44)? What did He grieve?</li> <li>4. In what ways do we sometimes demand Jesus meet our expectations rather than following His lead?</li> <li>5. How can we realign our desires with Jesus' kingdom purposes rather than our own?</li> </ol>
 <p><b>NEXT STEP</b></p>	<p>Identify one unrealistic expectation or demand you have tried to place on Jesus. Commit to releasing that this week, surrendering to His greater wisdom and plan.</p>
 <p><b>SCRIPTURE</b></p>	<p>Matthew 21:9-10 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"</p> <p>2 Samuel 7:13 "Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."</p>
	

**NEXT WEEK**  
**SNEAK PEEK**

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