

WRONG EXPECTATIONS

"The Last Week of Jesus"

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MARK 11:1- 11 SUNDAY

The end of the story makes the rest of the story SIGNIFICANT.

Jesus is **NOT** a victim; he's ALLOWING this to happen.

WHY FROM BETHANY?

- Herod stages a procession from Caesaria or the Herodian.
- Jesus enters Jerusalem from THE EAST.

WHY A DONKEY?

- Zechariah 9: 9 The REAL KING is here!

WHY PALM BRANCHES?

- Judas Maccabeus overthrew the Greeks—symbol of VICTORY!
- "Deliver us from the hands of the Romans!" – a DEMAND!

WHY WOULD THEY KILL THIS GUY?

- They had very specific EXPECTATIONS of Jesus.

Many times I want God ON MY TERMS and He doesn't always meet MY expectations.

"God, take the pieces of my life and SURPRISE ME!"

MARK 11: 12-19 MONDAY

On Monday, Jesus visits 2 places: the Fig Tree and the TEMPLE.

- Jesus has been to the Temple BEFORE.
- The tree is in leaf, but has no FRUIT.

The Temple has the appearance of being alive, but it is DEAD, FRUITLESS.

Many times I put up a great appearance without the REALITY.

God says "I know!"

We need to say, "God, cleanse the temple AGAIN!"

Let Jesus be Jesus FOR YOU!

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 11: 1- 17

- ¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples,
- ²saying 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.
- ³If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.' "
- ⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it,
- ⁵some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"
- ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.
- ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.
- ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.
- ⁹Those 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!"
- ¹¹Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.
- ¹²The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry.
- ¹³Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs.
- ¹⁴Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.
- ¹⁵On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves,
- ¹⁶and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.
- ¹⁷And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"