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When Expectations Turn to Disappointments

Matthew 21

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[1]Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, [2]saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. [3]If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." [4]This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, [5]"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" [6]The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. [7]They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. [8]Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9]And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" [10]And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" [11]And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."
—Matthew 21:1-11

DISAPPOINTMENT COMES WHEN…

1. We Get Caught Up in the

_____ of the Crowd

[41]And when He drew near and saw the city, He wept over it, [42]saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes." —Luke 19:41-42

2. We Confuse the _____ of Jesus

"Who is this?" —Matthew 21:10b

[13]Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" [14]And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15]He

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said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" [16]Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." [17]And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. —Matthew 16:13-17

"Jesus is much more than just a hero." —P.T. Forsythe

3. We Overlook the _____ of the Cross

[24]Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. [25]For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. —Matthew 16:24-25

"When Christ bids a man to follow, He bids him to come and die." —Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Did we in our own strength confide,

our striving would be losing,

Were not the right Man on our side,

the Man of God's own choosing:

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;

Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,

And He must win the battle.

—Martin Luther

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