

Eyes Fixed on Jesus, Week 3, Small Group Questions, (03/24/24)

Text: Matthew 21:1-11

Context: Our eyes are fixed on Jesus as he enters the city of Jerusalem. Riding on a colt, symbolizing peace and displaying his humility, Jesus slowly yet unmistakably begins lifting the veil on his mission. He even calls himself Lord in this text.

He is also entering his final week of life on earth and moves ever closer to becoming the suffering servant, the ultimate sacrificial Lamb, who forever secures our salvation and redemption.

Hundreds of years earlier, the ancient prophet Zechariah foretold this holy and defining moment. And as the people shouted their favorite Psalms of praise, Jesus in the center of it all continues moving forward.

While all eyes are fixed on him during this moment, the expectations and responses are wildly different.

Questions for Discussion

- 1. Can you recall a moment in your life when you waited patiently, or not, for someone of great significance to pass by? Did the experience exceed, meet, or fall short of your expectations?**
- 2. Matthew's gospel focusses on the Kingship and Messianic dimensions of Jesus. What stands out to you as unusual or powerful as he tells the story? Why?**
- 3. Pastor Wayne described three different groups of people who all experienced the same event but saw it quite differently. Which group do you identify with the most?**
 - a. The Disciples (Those who had been following Jesus for some time.)**
 - b. The Crowd (Those who lined the road, laid down items and shouted.)**
 - c. The City Folk (Those who rushed out from Jerusalem seeking answers.)**
- 4. As we move towards Good Friday and Easter Sunday how will you prepare your heart and mind to remember deeply, reflect honestly, and receive fully?**
- 5. Who might you invite to join you this coming weekend? Will you pray for them by name right now around your group?**