

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

Palm Sunday

Unmet Expectations – Relationship Killer

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They got a Jesus who judged **them**.

Starting Question

Mark 8:27-30

1 Peter 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Unmet Expectations

Relationship killer

Things dramatically changed because of their unmet expectations.

Ps. 118:25-26

Lord, save us!

Lord, grant us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you

They went from praising Him to crucifying Him

Big Question: Did their expectations sway Jesus to change the plan?

The change they made was based on their expectations of the Messiah

"Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David!"

I am glad this is a **them** problem and not an **us** problem!

When they created expectations as to how the Messiah would be.

When you get a different response from Jesus than what you want how do you feel?

And...

If we are focused on our expectations can we miss what He is truly doing?

He acted contrary to their expectations.

They wanted a Jesus to fix their **problems**.
They got a Jesus who fixed **their** problem.

How do you view Jesus?
As a Good Luck Charm – the ultimate lucky rabbit's foot

A Genie – can you ask for more wishes

A Cosmic Vending Machine – I hate it when it gets stuck

As God & Savior – way BIGGER than us
(Gen. 1:1, John 1:1-5, Rom. 1:16)

How we view Jesus impacts our response to Him.

It is easy to see our problems and situations as the most important and pressing.

Proverbs 3:5-6 – Lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him.

Isaiah 55:8-9 – My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.

Job 38:1-41 – “Where were you when I laid the Earth’s foundation? Tell me if you understand...”

Israel’s unmet expectations did not sway Jesus from His plan, however it did cause some to miss what was happening in their very lives.

His plan has and always will be for all of us.

Key Verse: Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Even when we are/were off course His plan still happens.

Even when we crucify Him in our mind, words, or actions He still carried the cross.

Like that day in Jerusalem
We have a Jesus who fixed our eternal problem.
We have a Jesus who judges us first.

Daily Challenge:

Mark 8:29 - “Who do you say I am?”