

Sermon Title: **“EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED”**

Luke 19:29-48

- The Triumphal Entry contained a wide range of emotions
  - In ONE Week EVERYTHING would turn on its head
- There were expectations (everyone had them)
  1. Think about Jesus’ Disciples
  2. Think about the Jewish Crowd
  3. Think about the Religious Leaders
  - Keep these expectations in the forefront of your minds (& remember that these were NOT Jesus’ expectations)
- Bethany is about 2 miles away from Jerusalem
  - Bethany is where Lazarus was raised from the dead by Jesus
  - Jesus’ arrival into Jerusalem was deliberately public (clearly Jesus was proclaiming Himself as the Messiah)
- Jesus sends 2 of His Disciples to go get Him a NEVER before ridden, young donkey (a direct fulfillment of prophecy – Zachariah 9:9)
  - Seeing Jesus arrive into Jerusalem riding on a Donkey would have turned heads!
- The next day after eating with Lazarus, Mary, & Martha, Jesus rides into Jerusalem (at a particularly special time to the Jews – near Passover)
  - Jesus arrives into Jerusalem & the Jewish crowd starts shouting “Hosanna” = filled with adoration & delight – meaning “Save us”
  - Scholars believe that at a minimum there would have been 3,000 people celebrating Jesus’ arrival into Jerusalem
- What was Jesus’ expectations?
- Jesus was Weeping
  - “Wept” = to mourn for; to bewail; to lament; it was a sign of pain & grief (it was an audible sobbing)
  - In order to be the King this Jewish crowd wanted, it meant Jesus had to 1<sup>st</sup> humble Himself to the point of death
  - “Meekness” = Controlled Power; Strength in Restraint
  - Jesus chose to restrain His power because He knew what His real purpose was (to seek & to save that which was lost)
- Jesus travels through Jerusalem directly for the Temple
  - Actually the 2<sup>nd</sup> time Jesus drives out the money changers
- There were MANY expectations on Palm Sunday that DIDN’T happen exactly like people thought they would
  - It took our Messiah to die before He could ascend!