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Our Way or God's Way

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Matthew 21:1-11

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1. Having it our way with Jesus _____ we get to define His role in our lives.

The crowd wanted Jesus to fit their idea of Him:

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| ✓ Teacher | ✓ Disciplinarian |
| ✓ Conformist | ✓ Wonder Worker |
| ✓ Revolutionist | |

2. A relationship with Jesus means _____ Him have His way.

- ✓ God is always _____ of us, working for our good
- ✓ Our _____ are not always what God has planned

"When Christ entered into Jerusalem the people spread garments in his way. When he enters into our heart, we pull off our own righteousness, and not only lay it under Christ's feet, but even trample upon it ourselves."

~ Augustus Toplady

"We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining. They just shine."

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~ Dwight L. Moody

Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Growing up, did your family have any special traditions for Palm Sunday or Easter?
3. Why do you think we develop incomplete or inaccurate views of Jesus? Why is it harmful?
4. In just a few days, people went from shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" to "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Their emotions went from incredible happiness to intense anger.
 - How did this happen?
 - What do you think changed?
5. Matthew 21:10 says, "When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?'"
 - If asked that question, how would you respond?
 - What does Jesus mean to you, personally?
6. Why is it so hard to allow God to have His way in our lives?
 - What are some barriers in your life that prohibit God from having His way?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 21:1-11) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?