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Great Expectations

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Matthew 20:29-34, 21:1-17, 26:6-13

Jesus is the King of _____ (Matt 20:29-34)

Jesus is the King of _____ (Matt 21:1-9)

Jesus is the King of _____ (Matt 21:10-17)

Jesus is the King of _____ (Matt 26:6-13)

Questions to consider

1. Who is Jesus?
2. Do you love Jesus or a version of Him you have created?
3. When your agenda clashes with Jesus, which one bows down?

Tim Keller

"Religious people find Jesus useful. Christians find Jesus beautiful."

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Sermon Talks

1. What is something that you tried to customize to fit your needs? How did it turn out?
2. Have you ever tried to customize someone else to fit your needs?

Matthew 20:29-34

1. What do you think is the difference between the crowd and the blind men in how they viewed Jesus?
2. How would you respond if Jesus asked you, "What do you want from me?"
3. Jesus is the King of compassion. What does that mean? How can you follow King Jesus in His modeling of compassion?

Matthew 21:1-9

1. Why did Jesus choose a donkey instead of a war horse? What does this tell us about His kingdom and mission?
2. The crowds welcomed Jesus as King on Sunday but rejected Him by Friday. In what ways are you prone to a faith that demands Jesus fit your expectations or "Cafeteria Christianity?"
3. Jesus is the King of peace. What does that mean? How can you follow King Jesus in His modeling of peace?

Matthew 21:10-17

1. What does the beginning of the temple scene teach us about Jesus' anger? How should that impact our view of Him?
2. Compare the reaction of the "blind and the lame" with the reaction of the "chief priests and scribes." How do these groups differ in their understanding of Jesus?

Matthew 26:6-13

1. What is significant about the fact that Jesus was in the house of a leper and anointed by a woman?
2. Why did Jesus want this woman's act remembered wherever the gospel is preached?

Additional questions are on the front, at the end of the "Sermon Talks" section.

Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer. Begin by praising God for who He is and what He has done in your life.