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Worship through Disappointment

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When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold your King is coming to you, Gentle, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

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The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!" When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

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- why did Jesus come riding on a donkey?
 - Zechariah 9:9
- its a purposeful act that
 - incites rulers
 - provokes crowds
 - challenges followers
- he came this way on purpose!
 - Christ is not interested in whether or not you like him

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- Christ had fresh tears in his eyes (Luk3 19:41-44)
- he knows they don't cheer for "How can we love you?"
 - rather, they are, "What can you give us?"
- he looks behind, around, inside and ahead....and weeps

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- why palm branches?
 - national symbol
 - victory over oppressors
 - value of palms
- we start seeing the crowd's expectations

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- Hosanna
 - the crowds had just changed Psalm 118 for the Passover Lamb
 - now they say “Save us!” to Jesus
- 3 ways to use Hosanna:
 - cry for salvation
 - thank for salvation
 - save me daily
- which is yours?

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- who is this crowd?
 - John 12:16-17
 - impressed with miracles
 - want a bread, healing, political king
- twice people tried to make Jesus king
 - feeding the 5000
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- they thought they needed judgment and revenge
 - what they needed was someone to bear their judgment
- 100,000s on Palm Sunday; down to about 120 in less than a week; why?
 - the human condition wants God to be great supplier of all of our wants
 - when we don't get them, God becomes the focal point of our rejection
- Palm Sunday serves as the reminder of the mismatch between what we think we need and what God provides

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- we want to rightly celebrate Palm Sunday
 - ask God for his perspective on your disappointments and persevere
 - what kind of king do you want Jesus to be?
- Cry Hosanna! Worship through your disappointment
 - save me!
 - thank you!
 - save me daily!!