

Palm Sunday - Grave Expectations

Matthew 21:1-9 (ESV)

Christ came to be a savior; a suffering servant not a Caesar.

Christ did not come to initiate a worldly kingdom but a spiritual kingdom.

The Donkey by G. K. Chesterton

*When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.*

*With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.*

*The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.*

*Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.*

Great Expectations

The Jewish nation's expectations of Jesus:

- A MESSIAH who would inaugurate the KINGDOM of GOD
 - Messiah = King who would deliver God's people, judge the wicked, and usher in God's kingdom; Kingdom of God = a realm over which God reigns, bringing blessing, prosperity, and restoration
1. Bring victory - military
 2. Bring peace - political
 3. Bring prosperity - social/economic

The Jewish nation had GREAT EXPECTATIONS for a SAVIOUR who would be a new CAESAR.

Grave Expectations

John 12:27-34 (ESV)

Jesus' expectations of himself:

1. Jesus would bring victory over their spiritual enemies - **Colossians 1:16 (ESV)**
2. Jesus would bring spiritual peace - **Colossians 1:19-22 (ESV)**
3. Jesus would bring spiritual prosperity - **Colossians 2:9-10 (ESV)**

Jesus had GRAVE EXPECTATIONS that to be the SAVIOUR he must be the SUFFERING SERVANT.

Isaiah 52:13 - 52:12 (ESV)

Grateful Expectations

Our expectations of Jesus in the lives we live now:

Are we expecting a SAVIOUR who will:

1. Free from trials - John 15:18-20 (ESV), 1 Peter 4:12-14 (ESV)
2. Relational peace - Matthew 10:34-39 (ESV)
3. Economic prosperity - Mark 8:34-37

1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

Our GRATEFUL EXPECTATION should be that our SAVIOUR brings us to God.