

## John 12<sup>12-19</sup>

# When Jesus doesn't fit our expectations

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem



Children's talk: The red carpet

Explanation

### The crowds – full of expectations (12<sup>12-13, 17-18</sup>)

Expectations associated with the raising of Lazarus

Expectations associated with the Passover

Expectations associated with the palm branches

Expectations associated with "Hosanna"

Expectations associated with Psalm 118

### Jesus – full of purpose (12<sup>14-15</sup>)

Confronting expectations with a donkey's colt

Confronting expectations with Zechariah 9

### The disciples – full of confusion (12<sup>16</sup>)

Expectations enlightened

### The Pharisees – full of frustration (12<sup>19</sup>)

Exaggeration & irony

Expectations associated with a red carpet

Application

### What expectations do we have of Jesus?

The Jesus we expect

The Jesus we want

The Jesus we get



### Questions answered

- What were the crowd's expectations associated with the raising of Lazarus?
- What were the crowd's expectations associated with the Passover?
- What were the crowd's expectations associated with the palm branches?
- What were the crowd's expectations associated with "Hosanna"?
- What were the crowd's expectations associated with Psalm 118?
- What was Jesus' purpose in choosing to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey's foal?
- What was Jesus' purpose in fulfilling Zechariah 9?
- What other aspects mentioned in Zechariah 9 was Jesus fulfilling?
- What eventually dispelled the disciples' confusion?
- What were the Pharisees frustrated about?
- What is the irony (or even double irony) in their statement that *"The world has gone after him."*
- What is the first known use of a red carpet for royalty?  
What else happened at the end of this red carpet that has some bearing upon our text here?



### Something to pray about (and follow through with)

- What expectations do we have of Jesus?
- How do we respond when those expectations are not fulfilled?
- How should we respond when we are confused or frustrated with failed expectations?
- How will you show your thanks to Jesus for His blessing and grace in confronting our false expectations?