

**What do we do when Jesus doesn't turn out to be who we want Him to be
(Matt 21.1-11; 03-28-21am)**

Central Thought: Jesus came to fulfill God's plan, not man's

I. God's plan: to reveal that Jesus was the promised Messiah (1-7)

A. Observations about God's plan:

1. Inform the public that Messiah had come (1-2)
2. It was very specific (2-3)
3. Provide clear evidence that Jesus' coming would fulfill Old Testament prophecy (4)
4. Meant to highlight Jesus ministry (5) (cf. Zech 9.9)
5. Would come off without a hitch (6-7)

B. Conclusions

1. Jesus was in complete control
2. Jesus would fulfill God's plan

II. Man's expectation: a welcome fit for a King (8-11)

A. Observations about the reception Jesus was given

1. Predictable (6-8)
2. People were informed (aware) (9)
3. News about Jesus was widespread (10)
4. Their identification of Jesus was accurate (11)

B. Conclusions from how crowd received Jesus

1. Jesus did not reject their praise
2. Luke's Gospel affirms that Jesus anticipated this praise & welcomed it

III. The world's problem: celebration of Jesus is often more self-centered than God-centered

How to fight the tendency to identify a man-designed Jesus:

1. Keep an eternal perspective about Jesus Saturate your mind & heart with the word of God
2. Stand up for Jesus when others are putting Him down
3. Keep trusting in Jesus – Sunday is coming