

**Title:** The King We Didn't Expect

**Text:** Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 1:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:12-19

**Target:** Jesus chose the road of suffering so we could receive the gift of salvation.

**I. Divinity**

- A. Wisdom:** *"And he said to them, 'Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it.'" (Mark 11:2)*
- B. Power:** *"If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' Say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" (Mark 11:3)*

**II. Humility**

- A. Prophecy:** *"Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he," (Zechariah 9:9a)*
- B. Purpose:** *"Humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9b)*

**III. Expectancy**

- A. Cloaks:** *"And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road," (Mark 11:7-8)*
- B. Branches:** *"So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'" (John 12:13)*
- C. Shouts:** *"And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!'" (Mark 11:9-10)*

**IV. Blasphemy**

- A. Powerless:** *"And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher Rebuke your disciples.'" (Luke 19:39)*
- B. Blindness:** *"So the Pharisees said to one another, 'You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.'" (John 12:19)*

**V. Testimony**

- A. Silence:** *"He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'" (Luke 19:40)*
- B. Creation:** *"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible...all things were created through him and for him" (Colossians 1:16)*
- C. Resurrection (Stone):** *"And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it." (Matthew 28:2)*

**Takeaway:** The crowd wanted a crown, but Jesus chose a cross.