

## Opener

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1. What are some of the greatest expectations and anticipations you have had throughout your life? (Birthday presents, gifts, promotions, events, etc...)
2. Have you ever had high expectations but were then disappointed? Tell some stories about this.
3. When you expect something, how does it change the way you think about that thing or event? How does expecting change the way you behave?

## Discussion

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1. Read Matthew 21:1-11. What were the people of Israel expecting of Jesus as they praised and celebrated him on Palm Sunday?
2. Pastor Ray talked about confessional vs. convictional Christians in the modern American Church. What are the differences between the two and where do you think you fall on this scale?
3. What are some of your expectations of Jesus? If you have never thought about this, give it some time and work through this with your group.
4. As you recall the message on Sunday and what you know about the Bible, what are some of Jesus' expectations of us as disciples?
5. What are steps you can take this week as a follower of Christ to meet Jesus' expectations of you and grow closer to Him?

