

THE EXPECTED KING

Matthew 21:1-11

1. What Kind of Messiah?

a. The expectation – based on Gen.49:10; 2Sam.7:12-16; Ps.2,72,110; Is.11:1-10; Zech.9:9,10 etc.

The Messiah would:-

1. Liberate Israel from the Romans
2. Restore Israel to greatness under David's son

b. The Reality

Jesus comes as a very different sort of King:-

1. A servant King – comes humbly to serve – v.5 The crowd is unsure of him – v.10; Mt.16:20
2. The suffering King – conquering through his death. The disciples don't grasp this—Mk.8:27-32

2. What Sort of Salvation? –v.9; Ps.118:25

a. The expectation

- political and military freedom
- recapturing former glory

b. The reality – Jesus came to defeat our 3 greatest enemies:-

- power of sin – bearing the penalty for sin
- all-embracing power of death – defeated death
- Satan – stripped him of his power – Col.2:15

Freedom not just for Jews but all nations

3. Our Response to God's Messiah

- a. Jews – still praying for the Messiah to come
- b. Gentiles – unimpressed by the Cross & Resurrection
- c. Christians – we are called to:-
 1. Trust him
 2. Follow in his footsteps – Lk.9:23
 3. Proclaim him as God's Messiah