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U N E X P E C T E D
AN INVITATION TO THE NARROW ROAD

WELCOME JESUS' UNEXPECTED ENTRY

Matthew 21:1-17

Jesus as King brings...

unexpected confrontation

He accepts the title Son of David

He arranges the entry into Jerusalem

He rearranges the temple furniture

with unexpected gentleness

He rides on a donkey.

for an unexpected restoration.

The picture of the palm branches

Getting Started: Do you now or have you ever had a room in your house that is the junk room, catch all room, storage room, etc?

Digging In: How do you see Jesus in this passage claiming His kingship and pushing to an unavoidable confrontation? What do these verses (Deut 5:6-10; 6:4,5; Ps 115; Is 42:8; Jer 10:10,11; Mk 10:17-31; Lk 9:23; Php 2:9-11; Rev 3:15) show about how the world and those who love Jesus will respond to His authority? Do you believe that Jesus is saying to people "crown me or kill me?" How do you see Jesus displaying a gentle, vulnerable, approachable in this passage? How do these verses (Gen 49:10-11; Zech 9:9; Jn 13:5-17; Mt 11:29; 12:17-21; Mk 10:45; Lk 22:26,27; Jn 13:14; Php 2:5-8; Heb 5:8) reveal Jesus' gentleness? Where do you see that in other places in scripture? Why does He choose to be a gentle servant king? Why is this fundamental to the gospel (Mk 10:45, 1Pet 3:18)? What do the verses (1Chr 16:31-34; Is 55:12; Ps 96:11-13; Rm 8:19-22; 1Jn 3:1-3; Rev 7:9,17; 21:4) reveal about how God will restore all things? What do they say about the future of believers?

Living It Out: What has Jesus used to confront you with His truth (music, sermon, Bible study, friends, life circumstances, troubles)? Are you trying to receive blessings from Jesus without making Him king in every area of your life? What are those areas? Surveying the rooms in your life, which one do you need to give Jesus the key so that He can be king of your house?