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Word Sharing Manuel

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The king we desire

#### Matthew 21:6-11

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.

<sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

<sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

<sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

<sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

## Focus Points

### 1. The People's Expectations for Jesus' Entry

-Today's passage describes Jesus' entry into Jerusalem—commonly known as Palm Sunday.

-The Jewish people were expecting a political king who would deliver them from the oppression of the Roman Empire.

#### 2. A Contrast Between Two Processions

On the same day, both Jesus and Pontius Pilate entered Jerusalem.
Pilate came with Roman soldiers, riding horses and chariots—demonstrating military power and imperial dominance.
Jesus entered on a humble donkey—symbolizing peace and humility.
Though both appeared to be "royal entries," the messages they conveyed were completely opposite.

#### 3. The People's Expectations vs. Jesus' True Path

-People often projected their personal hopes and desires onto Jesus.
-Their faith was conditional, and when Jesus did not meet their expectations, they turned against Him.

#### 4. Who Are We? The Crowd or True Disciples?

-God often works in ways we do not expect.

-Following "a King who defies expectations" is the essence of true discipleship.

#### [Questions]

- 1. What kind of king have I been expecting Jesus to be?
- 2. Am I following the ways of the world, or am I following God's will?
- 3. What image of a king have I created in my heart—one that serves only my own desires?
- 4. What expectations must I lay down in order to follow Jesus not as part of the crowd, but as a true disciple?

# Application

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