

Believe and Keep on Believing

“Deflated Expectations”

John 12:12-26

Our reality in this world may not meet our expectations, but the joy we experience with Jesus now and the joy we will have in eternity forever will far exceed any expectations we may have. As Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:20-21, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

The Israelites experienced deflated expectations because...

- 1. They expected the King to _____, but Jesus came to bring _____.**
(vs. 12-16)

- 2. They expected the King to be for _____, but Jesus came for the _____.**
(vs. 17-21)

- 3. They expected the King to _____ on a throne, but Jesus came to _____ on a cross. (vs. 23-24)** (Is. 35:3-10; 53:1-6; Rom. 6:5)

- 4. They expected the King to _____ their lives, but Jesus calls them to _____ their lives. (vs. 25-26)** (Mt. 10:37-39; Lk. 9:23-24)