

Y.R.P. – People Have Expectations

Today is Palm Sunday. It is the Sunday that we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. The people lined the streets and our shouting Psalm 118:25-26, "Please, Lord, please save us (Hosanna). Please, Lord, please give us success. Bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord." The people threw down their clothes and palm branches on the road as a sign of honoring the King. It was an act of submission paid to royalty. The people expected Jesus to be the King who would overthrow the oppressive Roman government. Finally, their Deliverer and Savior had come.

Here was the problem, the expectations the people had for Jesus were wrong. They were expecting a military King. They were expecting physical salvation and deliverance from their oppressors. We don't know for sure, but because their expectations weren't met, some may have been in the group in Jerusalem that were shouting, "crucify Him, crucify Him!" That's why the same writer who wrote Psalm 118:25-26 wrote this in Psalm 118:8, "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in people." When you don't meet people's expectations, they will turn on you. They will love you one minute and hate you the next. As long as you have something to offer them, they'll love you, but as soon as you have nothing to offer them, they'll turn their backs on you. That's why it's better to trust in the Lord. One day, Christ will come back as the Lion, but at His first advent, He came as the Lamb. He came as the sacrificial Lamb to save us from our sins.

So quit trying to live up to people's expectations. People's expectations are often unrealistic and unfair. God's expectations for you, perfection, have been fully met in Jesus Christ. If you have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, God's expectations for you have been met.

Questions

1. Have you trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ?
2. As professional athletes and coaches, people have expectations of us. People can be so fickle. How good is to know God's expectations for you have been fully met in Jesus Christ?

P2R (Point 2 Remember): "Lord, please save us!"