

THE KING NO ONE EXPECTED

29 MARCH 2026



⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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 heaven!”

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

– Matthew 21:8–10 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
SINGAPORE



PRAY

- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Ask God to help you see Jesus for who He is, not just for what you want Him to be.



MEDITATE

Engage

Start the conversation with this question...

Share one “expectation vs reality” moment you experienced. How did you respond?

Key Points

Connect to God’s truth by sharing...

- The triumphal entry of Jesus shows us how people responded to Jesus in different ways.
- **Some celebrated Jesus without understanding His purpose.** The crowds welcomed Him, but many expected a political rescuer. They missed His true mission: fulfilling God’s plan for our salvation.
- **Some opposed Jesus because He didn’t fit their expectations.** The religious leaders rejected Him because He challenged their authority and way of life.
- **Some followed Jesus and understood His purpose later.** At first, the disciples didn’t fully understand His gospel of peace, but they still chose to follow Him.
- Even now, following Jesus isn’t about understanding everything first—it’s about trusting Him enough to listen and obey, even when we don’t fully understand yet.

Discuss Together (*pick at least one*)

- What are some ways people today shape Jesus into who they want Him to be?
- Have you ever struggled with Jesus because He didn't fit or meet your expectations of Him? What happened?
- Which response to Jesus do you relate with most right now—opposing, celebrating without understanding, or following and learning? Why?
- What is one step of obedience God might be inviting you to take this week, even if you don't fully understand yet?



PROCLAIM

Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

Key Truth

In Christ, I can follow Jesus as the promised King and submit to His Lordship over my life.

Pray Together (*pick at least one*)

- Ask God to help you follow Jesus for who He truly is—not just who you want Him to be.
- Pray for hearts that listen, trust, and obey Him fully.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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“At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.”

— John 12:16 (NIV)