

What Are You Expecting?

●Intro

- What had man done? What would God do? Why all the confusion? Expectations.
- We tend to at least want to give up and quit when our expectations aren't met. You?
- Yours of circumstances. Yours of other people. Other people of you.
- Whatever the case when things don't go as expected we feel like throwing in the towel.
- This is where we find the followers of Jesus this Sunday morning.
- Hiding in a locked room fearing for their lives.
- Only the women seem brave enough to come out and finish burying Jesus.

●Recap

- Jesus - teacher, compassionate, powerful, humble, strong, feared, accessible. Everything the leaders where not.
- Just over a week ago entered Jerusalem and welcomed as a king.
- Instead of trashing Rome He trashes the Temple. Eats with a poor leper and sinners.
- Let's Himself get arrested, illegally tried, doesn't defend Himself, and is crucified.
- What had man done? What would God do?

●What did they expect? M-ben-David

- They expected Jesus to fix all of their problems. No more sickness, being broke, loneliness.
- They expected Jesus to fix their country. Evict Rome, restore sovereignty, equity and justice.
- They expected Jesus to save them from that which they thought they needed to be saved, in they way they thought it should be done, and they got neither.

●What should they have expected? M-ben-Joseph

- Jesus taught them what their problem was. Heart, not just actions. [Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28](#).
- Jesus taught them about the Kingdom of Heaven, of God, not of this earth. [Matt. 13:44-52](#) Kingdom parables. The thing sought and found, it also seeks and finds.
- Jesus taught them that they needed to be saved from what they were, not just what they had done, and that they could receive this salvation through faith, not works.
- How? What had man done? What would God do? Through His death and resurrection. "[Destroy this temple...](#)" "[Seed goes into the grown and dies...](#)" "[Sign of the prophet...](#)"
- Man had unwittingly sacrificed the lamb of God for their own sins. [God raised Him from dead as a demonstration of His love, His faithfulness, and His power to do the impossible in order to reach out to us.](#)

●What did He do then?

- Continued to redefine their expectations, promised them power to do what He had called them to do and to be. [Acts 1:4-8](#).
- Ascended to the Father until His promised return. [Acts 1:9-11](#).
- Fulfilled His promise of the Comforter, the Help, the Another.

●What about you? What are your expectations?

- Do you expect Him to fix all of your problems first before you will follow Him? True He may fix many things in your life, yet He didn't heal everyone, or feed everyone. But that isn't the real problem that needs fixing in our lives.
- Do you expect Him to be angry at you and never really or completely forgive you because you can never be good enough for Him?
- Do you expect Him to be any different that the Jesus we read about in the Bible?

● What should you expect?

- A God who wants relationship with you. Real, genuine, interactive relationship.
- A God who doesn't expect you to be something that you can't be on your own, but something you can be in Him.
- A God who is waiting, not with arms folded, but open wide.
- Do you, like the disciples, have the wrong expectations?

● What is the real problem and the real solution?

-2 Corinthians 5:14 - 6:2

◆ The real problem

- The real problem isn't our circumstances, though those things are real and God can take care of them.
- The real problem isn't even so much our actions, though those are real and need to be addressed.
- The real problem is our nature.

◆ The real solution

- Death and resurrection. Our death wouldn't fix it. Like buying a dollar with a dollar. **Wages of sin is death.** Something more valuable is needed.
- Survey passage.
- This is why Jesus was born, did the things He did, said the things He said, died the way He dies, and rose again.
- This is why Jesus sent the Spirit to be for us what He was to the disciples.

◆ How?

-1 John 1:9

-Romans 10:9-10

-What then? Galatians 5:16-25

- ◆ Have you been missing the point, missing out? It isn't too late, believer or not.