

*An Entrance We'll Never Forget . . .
And Not What Anyone Expected*

Jesus THE HEADLINE MAKER - Part 1 – April 10, 2022

The Crowd

*Their Perspective – What's in it for **ME?***

When they thought Jesus was there to fulfill their wishes:

“. . . ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel!’” John 12:13b (NIV)

When they realized Jesus was not going to do what they expected:

“But they shouted, ‘Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!’” John 19:15a (NIV)

Result: My tendency to be self-centered leads to **DECEPTION**.

Religious Leaders

*Their Perspective – I'm in **CONTROL***

“The Pharisees said to each other, ‘We’ve lost. Look—the whole world has gone after him.’” John 12:19 (TLB)

Result: My desire for control creates an **UNTEACHABLE** heart.

The Disciples

*Their Perspective – He's been **HOLDING THEM BACK!***

“From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. ‘Heaven forbid, Lord,’ he said. ‘This will never happen to you!’” Matthew 16:21-22 (NLT)

Result: My lack of trust in God's plan produces **BLINDNESS**.

What happens when Jesus enters your life or situation:

1. Jesus creates a beautiful **DISRUPTION**.

“Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’ And they left their nets at once and followed him.” Matthew 4:19-20 (NLT)

Once conscious thinking ceases, **INGRAINED** patterns take over.

Stuck in a R.U.T.

ROBOTIC UNCHALLENGED THINKING

2. Jesus brings a new **PERSPECTIVE**.

Perspectives should **DEVELOP** as our relationship with Jesus **DEEPENS**.

“His disciples didn’t understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him.” John 12:16 (NLT)

Perspectives must be framed by **FAITH** not with **FEELING**.

3. Jesus offers you a **HOSANNA** moment.

Relief from the **CRUSHING WEIGHT**.

“He told them, ‘My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.’” Matthew 26:38 (NLT)

Room to **BREATHE**.

“Then Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.’” Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

The Key: **SURRENDER**

“He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, ‘My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.’” Matthew 26:39 (NLT)