

**Sermon Overview CEFC**  
**January 28, 2024**

**Title:** Unexpected King

**Passage:** John 12:12-19

**Introduction**

**Series Purpose:** What we \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ is still a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question:** What \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is King Jesus?

**Main Point:** Jesus is the kind of king who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our king-sized \_\_\_\_\_.

**Recognizing the Real King**

Jesus is not a \_\_\_\_\_ King

Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_ King

**Conclusion**

**Application:** The military needs \_\_\_\_\_. The business world needs \_\_\_\_\_. Governments need \_\_\_\_\_.

**Application:** The church needs \_\_\_\_\_ who faithfully serve the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sermon Based Small Group Questions**

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Main Point: Jesus is the kind of king who subverts and transforms our king-sized expectations.

1. Read John 12:12 – 12:19 as a group. What stands out to you? What questions does it raise? How does it challenge you?
2. The folks living in Jesus day looked to a war hero (Simon Maccabeus) as an example of what a leader should look like. Who are our Simon's today?
3. Why did the crowds move from "Crown Him!" to "Crucify Him!" in less than a week? Why did they prefer Barabbas to Jesus? In what ways are we sometimes guilty of those same preferences?
4. After Jesus' death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit used Zechariah 9:9-11 to help the disciples understand what Jesus did on Palm Sunday and what His kingly rule would look like. What did they learn from this passage? What can we learn?
5. How should the type of king Jesus is impact the type of leaders we aspire to be in our homes and in the church? How should it impact the type of leaders we look for to shepherd ministries?
6. React to the statement, "Jesus' Kingship is most evident on the cross and not in the exercise of political power, economic power, military power, or the power of image and persuasion"