

Jesus Difference – Week 8 – 4-2-23 – Pastor Rob

1. What's your favorite music group? Have you ever experienced them in concert?
2. Who's your favorite sports team? How do you feel when they win?
3. What are some reasons that you celebrate in life?
4. What do you think the first Palm Sunday was like when Jesus entered Jerusalem?

**Jesus Difference Maxim – If Jesus is not making a difference in any area of your life it is because he is absent in it.**

5. What do you do when Jesus doesn't seem to be making a difference in your life?

*Matthew 21:1-5 - As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup> "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"*

6. This is just one of over 300 prophecies about Jesus that he fulfilled. How do fulfilled prophecies impact your faith?

*John 12:13-15 - They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: <sup>15</sup> "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."*

7. Hosanna means "Save Us!" Why do you think that the Israelites were saying "Save Us"?
8. What kind of Savior do you think that the Israelites were expecting?
9. How were the Israelites expectations of a Savior different than how Jesus acted?
10. What expectations do you have for Jesus in your life? What do you want Jesus to do in your life?
11. What has Jesus promised to do in your life?
12. Why is it important that we come to Jesus with our expectations and desires?
13. Jesus came to save us from our sins. How is that different from what we often ask of Jesus?
14. How do sinners need saved from their sins?
15. How do Christians need saved from their sins?
16. Is saving from sins a one time action or an on-going action for you?
17. How does Jesus make a difference in the lives of your neighbors, friends, coworkers and family?
18. Who are you inviting to join you for church this Easter?