

6. The King Has Arrived: The King of Kings!

Sometimes we can be blinded by our wants and miss out on something better, something that we actually need. Maybe you can relate? Have you ever wanted something in the moment that made you miss out on something even better later on?

When Jesus was alive, some of the Israelite people were amazed by his works and miracles. Jesus healed and helped a lot of people, and some of the Israelites wanted to praise him for it. Other Israelite people didn't like some of the things Jesus was doing. They wanted a king, but they were so blinded by their desire to have a king immediately that they missed out on a different kind of King - a better king! That's Jesus.

About a week before the big event that we now celebrate on Easter Sunday, Jesus went to Jerusalem and some of the Israelite people greeted him with palm trees and sang Hosanna, which means SAVE US! They praised him, and Jesus had come to save, but the salvation was not just salvation from an earthly enemy. Jesus had come to bring us salvation from sin. A salvation that would make a difference for all eternity!

Question Time:

Have you ever wanted something so badly that you had to have it right away?

What is so challenging about waiting, even if you know there is something better to come?

Waiting and seeing is really hard. Sometimes the best things come from waiting. God has something big around the corner and is inviting us to push pause on what we want now, for what will be better tomorrow, in this case it will be eternity.

Matthew 21:8-11

8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna[a] to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"[b] "Hosanna[c] in the highest heaven!" 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Next Steps:

When you want something so badly, push pause and think for a moment if there might be something better down the road if you wait. This week, take a moment and thank God for the real freedom he offers you through the love Jesus showed.