

Matthew 82 – Bandwagon Believers

Matthew 21:1-11

Fallen Condition Focus (FCF): We are eager to jump on the bandwagon of the latest Messiah, but we will always be disappointed by it.

Scripture Intro

- Excitement of the Crowd
 - **Matthew 21:9** And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"
 - Hosanna – From Hebrew “May God save us”
 - Quoting **Psalm 118:25-26** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
 - They are excited because they believe that the Messiah is coming
- Jesus is not the Messiah they are looking for
 - His kingdom is spiritual, not physical
 - **John 18:36** “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”
 - He has come to establish His spiritual kingdom in the hearts of mankind
 - Should have seen it in His actions
 - Gentile kings and generals came into town on a warhorse, why is Jesus on a donkey?
 - **Zechariah 9:9** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- Jumping off the bandwagon

Application – What are our Bandwagons?

- Politics
- Origin of the phrase “Jump on the bandwagon”
- Searching for a Messiah
- What happens when your Messiah fails?