

“Shattered Expectations”

Matthew 21:1-10, 42-44

INTRODUCTION

- what happens when expectations go unrealized?
- how to break out of the destructive spiral...

1. Expectations established

- general 1st century Jewish expectations

2 Sam. 7:16

- specific Feast of Unleavened Bread expectations

2. Expectations exploded

- Jesus' identity

Mt. 16:16-17

- Jesus' presentation

- the Jews' misunderstanding

3. Jesus, the expectation exploder

- Jesus' explanation to errant expectations regarding Himself

Mt. 21:42-44

- Jesus, the stumbling stone

Gen. 49:24; Is. 8:14

Mt. 5:48; Is. 64:6; Acts 17:30-31

The seers and the prophets had foretold it long ago
That the long “Awaited One” would make men stumble
But they were looking for a king to conquer and to kill
Who’d have ever thought He’d be so meek and humble
He will be the truth that will offend them one and all
A stone that makes men stumble and a rock that makes them fall
And many will be broken so that He can make them whole
And many will be crushed and lose their own soul

– Michael Card, “Scandalon”

- what will we do when we do stumble over the Christ?

Is. 28:16

Mt. 21:42, 44; Ps. 118:22

CONCLUSION

What will you do with Jesus?

1 Pet. 2:4