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Great Expectations - Matthew 21:1-11

How do people respond to being the people of God among ungodly people?

Israel's response: Isolate, Separate, Compromise, Revolution

Essenes, Qumran Community; Pharisees; Sadducees and Herodians; Zealots and Sacarii

Who do we want the Messiah (anointed) to be?

Various anointed figures, Prophets (Moses and Elijah), Priest/king

Messianic expectations:

Most thought of Messiah as a political military King to deal with the external crisis of the nation. Temple and Battle like Judas Maccabeus

Wins the Battle and Establishes the Temple:

David vs Philistines; Ezra & Nehemiah vs Samaritans, Ammonites and Arabs; Judas Maccabeus vs Seleucids; and Herod vs Parthians

A King from God but not God as King

Life Insulator: Feeding, healing, protecting

Restore the Temple, the Holy City in which she resides for the Nation of God it represents

Jesus: A king, A priest, a Suffering Servant who turns the cheek and goes the extra mile

Temple: You don't need to go to the temple but follow me.

Battle: Was with our greatest enemy sin.

What began with Hosanna ends in hatred

What began with Glory and self-denial in heaven ends on earth with self-denial, sacrifice then glory

Jesus came died and left but our earthly circumstance did not change

Our heavenly circumstance did as did our earthly purpose