



Unconditional: God's Love for Us.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

WEEK 5 | MATTHEW 21:1-11 | *Beyond Expectations*

Lent is a 40-day season of self-reflection where we deepen our prayer life and heighten our anticipation of the resurrection at Easter. It follows Jesus' 40-day temptation period in the wilderness, leading to his death on the cross and resurrection from the grave, demonstrating God's unconditional love for us. The spiritual practices of Lent include fasting or abstaining from things or behaviors (*food, sweets, meat, coffee, television, social media, etc.*) or adding something to their lives (*more church attendance, prayer, giving, Bible reading, etc.*) Join us for our 40-day season of Lent as we focus on *Unconditional: God's Love for Us*.

BIG IDEA

God's plan exceeds our expectations to meet our deepest needs.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the crowd treated him like a king. What were they expecting of him?
3. Jesus didn't meet the expectations of many of these people. Have you ever known someone disappointed when God didn't meet their expectations?
4. What are some unrealistic expectations we sometimes have of God? What can we do to keep our expectations of God rooted in truth?
5. How can we pray for you?

YOUR NEXT STEP

Ask God to show you Jesus as He is, not as we would like or expect Him to be.