



## Sermon Notes: (Un)Expected

1. The King is intentional.

2. The King is humble.

3. The King is praiseworthy.

4. The King is compassionate.

### Gospel Applications:

1. Recognize that the God you need may not be the god you want.

2. Recognize that following Jesus will require a life of paradox.

3. Recognize that peace with God is found only in Jesus.

**Summary:** True peace comes to those who accept the paradoxical Jesus on his terms.



## Application Questions: Gospel Investments

1. What's something you highly anticipated only to find out the reality was far different than your expectations? How did you feel?
2. In light of recent statements and parables of Jesus, what do you think his disciples thought he was about to do? What do you think the crowds thought?
3. Why do you think the Pharisees tried to silence those who were praising Jesus?
4. What do #2 and #3 have to do with Jesus weeping?
5. What are some expectations our culture has of God that don't have any real basis in Scripture? (i.e. You can't tie these expectations to the character or promises of God revealed in His Word.)
6. Referring to #5, what do people tend to do with God when He doesn't meet these expectations? What words of caution could you speak to someone going through this?
7. What are some of the paradoxes you observe in the life of Jesus, especially during this Passion Week? What are the world's counterpoints to each of these paradoxes?
8. Choose a couple paradoxes from #7 and discuss what it would look like to embody these as a follower of Jesus.
9. What does the peace of God mean to you? What are some practical ways this Good News ought to transform everyday life?