

"Expectation
is the root of all
heartache"


- Shakespeare

REALITY CHECK:

Life is often
filled with
disappointments...

Because **OUR** expectations
are **NOT** fulfilled:

- Gifts
- Relationships
- Life endeavors
- Etc.



THE COMING KING

MATTHEW 21:1-11

Not the expected kingly entry

- Jesus on a donkey... not with chariots
- By himself... not with an army.

Mk. 11:1-10

- Armed with truth/justice... not weapons of destruction. **Cp. Eph. 6:10ff**

Kingly Expectations

*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold,
your King is coming to you; He is just and
having salvation, Lowly and riding on a
donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

Zechariah 9:9

Not the expected King

- The people expected Jesus to be their answer to the Roman empire.
- They didn't see the "son of David" image they expected.
- They began wondering if Jesus' actions were actually endangering their lives.

Jn. 11:45-50

Even godly followers can have faulty expectations

- John clearly had expectations regarding Jesus being the Messiah that didn't seem to match up nicely. **Cp. Matt. 11:3**
- Jesus graciously replied to those expectations. **Matt. 11:6**

WHAT
DO
YOU
EXPECT

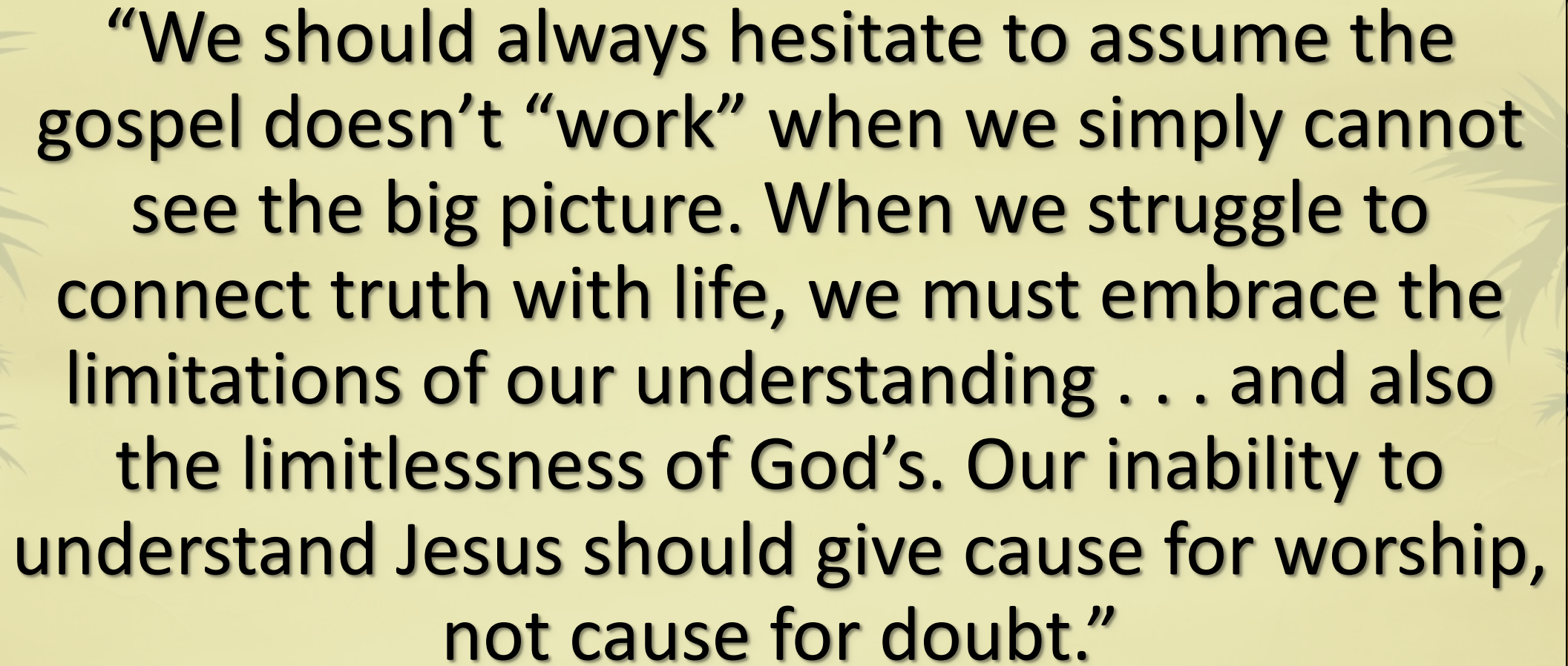


Expectations

- Some have unfounded beliefs about Jesus.
- Others beliefs are based on scriptures – or interpretations of them – to justify what we want to believe in the name of “following” Jesus/God.
- If our expectations are not met... we question His kingship and/or leave him.

Coming to our King

- Do we take on a lowly and humble way of life? **Rom. 12:16**
- Do we seek to follow His lead of loving His enemies? **Rom. 12:20-21**
- Do we submit to being persecuted... in His footsteps. **1 Pet. 2:20-21, 4:16**

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“We should always hesitate to assume the gospel doesn’t “work” when we simply cannot see the big picture. When we struggle to connect truth with life, we must embrace the limitations of our understanding . . . and also the limitlessness of God’s. Our inability to understand Jesus should give cause for worship, not cause for doubt.”

Wayne Stiles, *“When Jesus Fails Your Expectations”*