

## Letting Go of our Popularity – Matthew 21:1-11

When the going gets tough, do we draw closer to God or do we draw away from God? Are Jesus King to us and we place our lives in him or do we set ourselves as king and place our trust in ourselves?

There are three groups in this passage: Jesus' disciples; the crowds; Jesus. Which one are we?

Characteristics of each group:

### 1. Jesus' disciples

- with Jesus for 3 years
- had personally experienced Jesus and his miracles
- fail to see Jesus for who he is
- their spiritual life goes up and down
- eventually, they get who Jesus is

### 2. The crowds

- no personal experience with Jesus
- only heard what others had said about Jesus particularly on the case that Lazarus came back to life because of Jesus
- they said all the right things to Jesus one time and then days later they yelled, "Crucify Him!"
- they do not see Jesus as king, only using Jesus to fulfill their desire for a military/political king
- at best they see Jesus as a prophet from Nazareth in Galilee

### 3. Jesus

- the anointed and rightful king who is in charge
- came to us humble and gentle
- gentle meaning letting go of all his authorities and rights for the benefit of others

When struggles come our way, are we like the disciples, or the crowds, or like Jesus?

I pray that we will not waste this time and to draw closer to him.

Ask him to forgive our sins when we called him king and actually, we used him to satisfy our agenda and we called ourselves a king. Instead of giving Jesus our fears and sorrows, we took charge.

Let's recommit to Jesus that He is our King and Lord and ask him to help us today!