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Expect the Unexpected – Jesus’ Passion Week

We mostly don’t want, or like, the unexpected in our lives. Yet we see so much of the unexpected in Jesus’ life:

- 1) His incarnation – Philippians 2:7 , the Christmas story
 - The last thing that we would think that Almighty God would lower himself to.
- 2) His Nazareth boyhood – John 1:46
 - The last place we would think that he would be.
- 3) His disciples – Mark 3:13-19 with Luke 5:5, John 12:6
 - The last people we would think he’d choose.
- 4) The Triumphal Entry – Luke 19:28-40
 - Compared to his previous exhortations,
(Matt 16:15-20, Mt 8:2-4a, Mt 9:27-30, Mt 12:15b-16, Mk 5:21-24a & 40-43, Mk 7:32-36a)
 - The last way we would think that he’d arrive.
- 5) The Crucifixion
 - a. Rome’s “Scared Straight”
 - b. The sin of mankind abhorrent to a holy God
 - c. And he knew it was coming – Luke 9:22
 - The last action we would think he’d take

All of these would seem totally unexpected to us – yet he did them for us, the **only** way to make a way for us to God.

He then calls us, in faith (Hebrews 11:1), to expect the unexpected; “expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.”