The Hope of Easter

A journey through the Easter story

Day 1: The triumphant entry

Read Matthew 21:1-11

In first century Israel there was much expectation of a messiah. Hopes were high that God would send someone to rescue the people of Israel from the occupation of the Romans and return the kingdom of Israel to the glory days under King David. People had hopes of a political messiah who would liberate God’s people from their bondage.

Jesus frequently disappoints those who were hoping for a political Messiah who would ride into Jerusalem on a fine stallion; Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey! Everyone’s expecting the Messiah to be a heroic and strong warrior; no one is expecting the Messiah to be a suffering servant. Jesus by arriving on a donkey shows that he has come as a servant who shows ultimate humility by laying down his life for the sins of the world.

1. Are there times when God hasn’t lived up to your expectations? How do you react when God doesn’t do things the way you expect?
2. How can you be a servant to others in this time of great restrictions?
3. Read Philippians 2:1-11 and consider what you’re learning about humility in this season.

We encourage you to take time to pray, to be still and know that he is God (Psalm 46:10)