

# Exchanging Expectations

## Palm Sunday 2008

### I. Introduction

- A. Mark 10:32-34 (NLT) <sup>32</sup>They were now on the way up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. The disciples were filled with awe, and the people following behind were overwhelmed with fear. Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him. <sup>33</sup>"Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. <sup>34</sup>They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again."
- B. Mark 10:35 (NAS) James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."
- C. Mark 10:36-37 (NLT) <sup>36</sup>"What is your request?" he asked. <sup>37</sup>They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."
- D. Mark 10:38 (NLT) But Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?"
- E. Mark 10:39-45 (NLT) <sup>39</sup>"Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!" Then Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering. <sup>40</sup>But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen." <sup>41</sup>When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. <sup>43</sup>But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- F. Mark 11:8-10 (NLT) <sup>8</sup>Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD! <sup>10</sup>Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in highest heaven!"

### II. Conclusion