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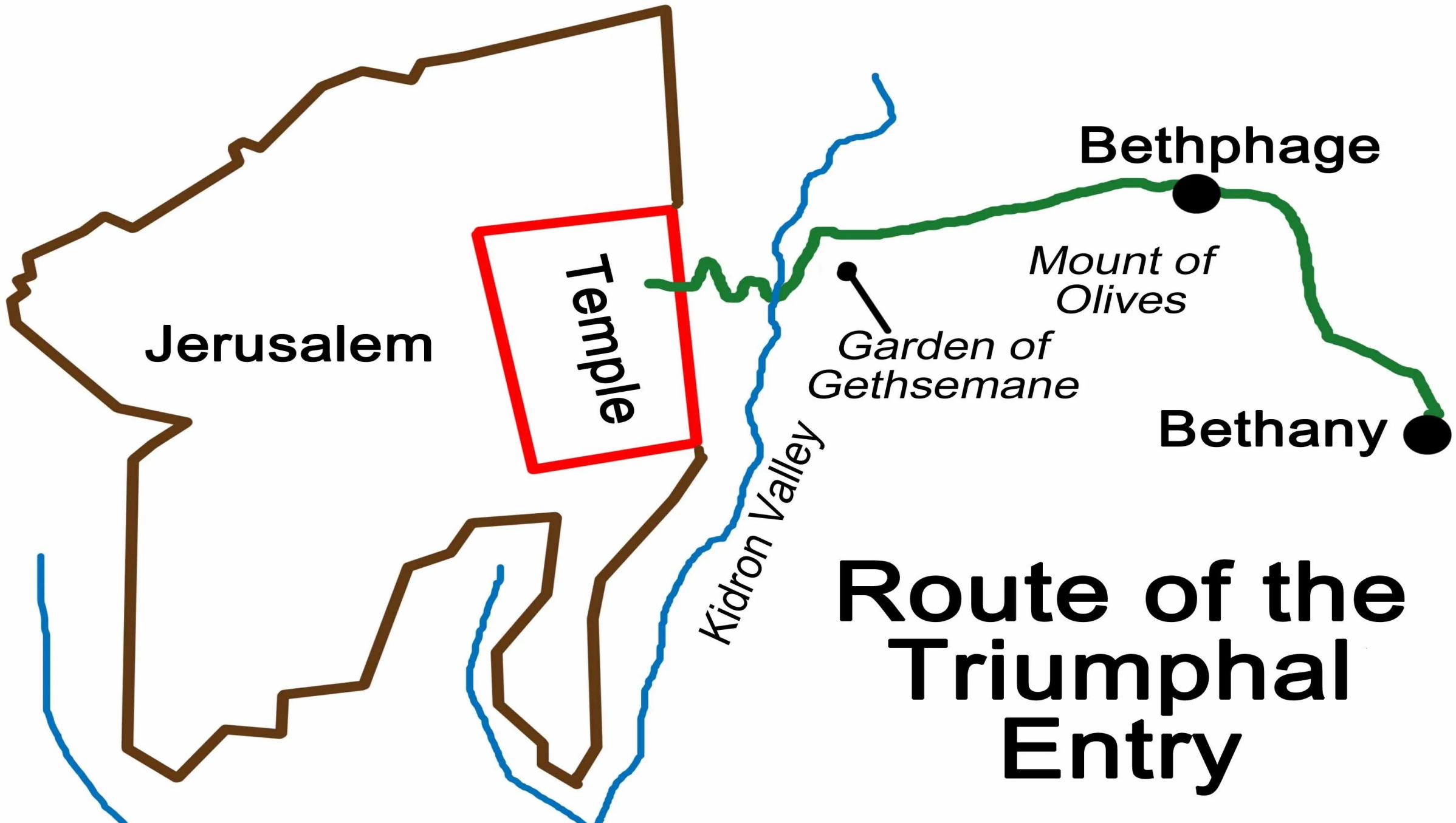
Mark 1:1-11

SON OF GOD

from Mark's Gospel

What do people
expect of Jesus?





Jerusalem

Temple

Kidron Valley

Garden of Gethsemane

Bethphage

Mount of Olives

Bethany

Route of the Triumphant Entry

They were cheering
for....



a King like
David

The Triumphal Entry

“²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!”

Psalm 118:26-27

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**They received
instead a....**



suffering servant

The Suffering Servant

“⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, ‘You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’”

Matthew 10:42-45

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Expectation vs Reality

For the parade-goers then and
for followers today,
there is a tension
between the Jesus we expect
and the Jesus we get.

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Expectation vs Reality

- People expect Jesus to fix all earthly problems but Jesus focused mostly on fixing our eternal problem.

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Expectation vs Reality

- People expect Jesus to free them from the
ROMANS

but Jesus came to
provide victory over sin.

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1. **We should expect it
but do not accept it.**

“⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Isaiah 55:8-9

**What should we
do when Jesus
is out of focus?**

1. **We should expect it
but do not accept it.**

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.”

1 Peter 4:12

**What should we
do when Jesus
is out of focus?**

2. **We should choose to live by faith.**

“¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.... ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

Hebrews 11:1, 6

**What should we
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is out of focus?**

3. We should trust the process.

“If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.”

1 Corinthians 15:19

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