**Matthew 21:1-11 and Matthew 27: 11-26 – It’s perhaps not quite what’s expected…**

* As per the talk, it might be great to encourage people to just take time out to reflect on the question **“What would God say if he looked at you?”**…
* If your group is meeting this week, perhaps you could start 30 minutes later and encourage people to spend that first 30 minutes reflecting, listening and praying into that question, before then connecting and potentially sharing any testimony…?
* If you are seeking to meet in your typical format, then you may like to re-read the two passages from Matthew 21 and 27 and then use some of the following questions in your discussion…

1. There are two very differing reactions/responses to Jesus highlighted in the passages. Discuss any differing reactions/emotions that you perhaps experience during Easter week.

2. There is much in these passages that is unexpected. Discuss the different ways you can think of in which Jesus is an unexpected Messiah/King… What does this teach us about God?

3. In what ways might we, as God’s people today, seek to be “unexpected” in our approach/lifestyle, in order to reflect something of Jesus to others?

4. In Matthew 21:10, the city of Jerusalem is stirred and asks the question: “Who is this?”. What would you say if someone this Easter asked you who Jesus is and why he is so special?

5. What are some of the ways in which within our own lives we both “shout Hosanna” and also cry “Crucify him!”?

6. What does it mean for you to stand “at the foot of the cross”?

**Take away:**

* Share the name of one neighbour/friend/family member whom you would like to hear and experience the Easter message of love, forgiveness and hope. Pray for them and reflect on how you might share that message with them.