



“Not what we came to see...”

You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. John 14:28-29

Discussion Questions

- In what ways has God surprised you, disappointed you, or in some other way respond to your circumstances in a way differently than you anticipated.
- What’s the difference between (a) an appropriate longing for God to glorify Himself and (b) an inappropriate expectation that Jesus would appear successful?
- What schemes of the enemy leave you wishing Jesus would take more decisive, immediate action?
- Why is it so difficult to differentiate between what we want Jesus to do in our lives and what we need him to do?
- Out of the 3 perceived “mistakes” Jesus makes, which one is hardest for you to resist?
 - Jesus has all authority yet uses it to humiliate himself.

- Jesus sees his enemies' scheme inside and out yet lets it happen anyway.
 - Just when the disciples get a glimpse of what they came to see, Jesus is leaving.
- Share a life experience that taught you Jesus and his sovereign plan are profoundly greater than our expectations.
- As we look ahead to Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter, ask Jesus to give you (a) a fresh sense of how unexpected his actions were, and (b) a renewed sense of awe at his sovereign greatness.