

THINK DIFFERENTLY

Part 4: About Jesus

HOW WE THINK ABOUT PEOPLE

A. Three primary influencers of thought

1. What others have said
2. First impressions
3. What we experience

HOW PEOPLE THOUGHT ABOUT JESUS ON THE FIRST PALM SUNDAY

(Luke 19:35-40 NIV)

A. To some He was a complete unknown

1. Why all the fuss? They had no knowledge of His life and ministry

B. To some He was a miracle worker

1. They came because they heard about His miracles

C. To others He represented the hope of Israel

1. A prophet - the voice of God
2. A king who would establish an earthly kingdom (break from Rome)

D. To many of the religious leaders Jesus was a threat

1. He challenged their beliefs and their way of life

E. Many of these ways of thinking still exist on this Palm Sunday

1. For some, Jesus is a complete unknown
2. Some see Jesus as a mythical figure
3. Others see Jesus as their hope of a better life
4. Some see Jesus as a negative

THINKING DIFFERENTLY ABOUT JESUS TODAY

A. A Jesus we can relate to *(Hebrews 4:14-15 NIV)*

1. He experienced life just as we do
2. He then understands what we face today

B. Someone we can admire *(John 12:27-28a NKJV)*

1. He was facing an extremely difficult challenge
2. He could have prayed and been delivered
3. He stayed with God's purpose, the bigger purpose

C. He is someone we can trust with our life *(John 18:7-9 NIV)*

1. Jesus could have only considered what would have been best for Him
2. In the stress of the moment He thought about protecting His disciples
3. He is still someone who is caring for us - protecting, not harming us