



## Mark: Following Jesus Immediately- Whiplash

**Introduction:** As Jesus enters Jerusalem for what would be his final week of ministry, the crowds went wild. By the end of the week, crowds cried out, "Crucify!" The swing in support can be difficult to understand. Why did they turn on Him? Do we sometimes do a similar thing?

### Discussion Questions

1. Most of us have probably known someone (or have done this ourselves) who was "all-in" on Jesus at some point but eventually dropped out or even opposed faith in Jesus. What do you attribute those swings to?
2. Read **Mark 11:1-9** Where is this crowd coming from and where are they going, that cries out as Jesus is entering the city? How does **Zechariah 9:9** influence what is happening? What does the crowd think is about to happen as Jesus enters the city?
3. Read **Mark 11:15-18** How could what Jesus did in the Temple confuse those who had a day earlier been cheering His arrival?
4. Read **Mark 12:13-17** How is this question meant as a trap? How does Jesus not standing against the Roman tax disappoint some?
5. Read **Mark 12:6-9** What is the implication that Jesus is making at the end of the Parable of the Tenants? The leaders are furious, but the crowd still seems supportive here. Over the course of this week, how does Jesus disrupt, defy, and maybe disappoint the crowd?
6. If your beliefs or practices are challenged, how do you examine whether they should be challenged?

**Shaping Your Mind** – Give to Caesar, what is Caesar's and Give to God what is God's. Mark 12:17

**Moving Forward** – Invite Jesus to disrupt the things that we substitute for true worship.