

Great Expectations Puppet Skit

Concept: This skit depicts how our expectations can mislead us.
Scripture: Matthew 21:5
Cast: Mark, Tom and Andi

Mark: *Mark enters*
This is going to be the best birthday yet. I'm going to get so much stuff!

Tom and Andi enter

Tom: Hi Mark, whatcha up to?

Mark: Just waiting for my birthday. I'm going to score big.

Andi: What are you talking about?

Mark: *Sarcastically* What do you think I mean? I'm going to beat Michael Jordan in basketball? I mean I'm going to get lots of loot.

Tom: How do you figure this?

Mark: Duh, it's my birthday. It's what I expect.

Andi: *To Tom and motioning toward Mark* Looks like someone missed the reality train.

Tom: *To Andi* Yeah. *To Mark* Look Mark, I'm not questioning the fact that it's your birthday next week, but how can you be so sure you'll get all those presents you're drooling about?

Mark: *As a matter of fact*, let me explain it to you. When one has a birthday, family comes to celebrate it. They bring presents. That's the way it's done. That's the way it will happen.

Andi: Obviously we can't change your mind, but consider this. You sound just the Pharisees when they were expecting the Messiah.

Tom: Right. They, and most everyone else, thought that the Messiah would come as a conquering king. One who would make sure their oppressors would be punished and destroyed.

Andi: And they too thought they had the right expectations. There is scripture that supports those ideas. But they didn't have the whole picture.

Mark: Was it a jigsaw puzzle with pieces missing? Haw! Haw!

Tom: No, they just refused to accept the passages that said the Messiah would first come as a suffering servant. The Messiah would come twice.

Andi: Right, first to come and die for sins and second to usher in His physical reign on Earth. The evidence was right in front of their faces. These guys were experts of the Law and yet they still missed it. Their expectations caused them to miss the Messiah's coming.

Tom: Yeah, we're not saying you won't get presents for your birthday. We're just saying you better be careful with your expectations. They can mislead you as well as cause disappointment.

Mark: You make a good point. I'll think about it.

Andi: Good. And while you are waiting, we'll treat you to ice cream as an early birthday present. Let's go.

All exit