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Fan or Follower?

“A huge crowd of Passover visitors took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, ‘Hosanna! Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!’”
John 12:12,23

Jesus’ message was all about the Kingdom of God coming

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

Matthew 4:17

“The time has come,’ he said. ‘The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!’”

Mark 1:15

“I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the others towns also, because that is why I was sent.”

Luke 4:43

The expectations of Jesus and the Kingdom to Come?

Zechariah 9:9-12

The Jewish people – Freedom & Independence from Rome

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

Mark 11:9

Jesus’ disciples – Positions & Fame

“Jesus asked his disciples, “What were you discussing out on the road?” 34 But they didn’t answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.”

Mark 9:33-34

“What is it you want?’ he asked. She said, (mother of James and John) ‘Grant that one of those two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.’”

Matthew 20:20ff

Judas Iscariot – Wealth

“Judas Iscariot...he was a thief, as keeper of the money bag he used to help himself to what was put into it.”

John 12:4

Pharisees & Teachers of Law – Authority & Status

“When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.”

Matthew 7:28-29

“‘What are we going to do?’ They asked each other. ‘If we leave him alone, the whole nation will follow him, and then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation.’”

John 12:47,48

Fans are disappointed when Jesus doesn’t meet our expectations. **Fans** abandoned Jesus when the cost of following is too great.

“Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.”

Matthew 16:24,25

Fans expect the **TEMPORARY** and miss the **EVERLASTING**,
Fans desire the **SENSATIONAL** and miss the **ESSENTIAL**.

Followers live in the kingdom of God as they surrender their life to His Kingship daily– His will is sought– His will is followed.

The Kingdom of God is wherever God’s will is done.

“The kingdom of God does not come visibly, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.”

Luke 17:21-22

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done as it is in heaven.”

Matthew 6:10

Living in the Kingdom of God is a choice we can now make because of Jesus’ death for our sins and promise of new life.

“I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again... For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

John 3:3-18

“But now the people believed Philip’s message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized.”

Acts 8:12

Questions:

Have you been a fan or follower of Jesus? What is the difference?
What would it look like if God’s Kingdom came in your life?
What does He is will look like this week in and through you?