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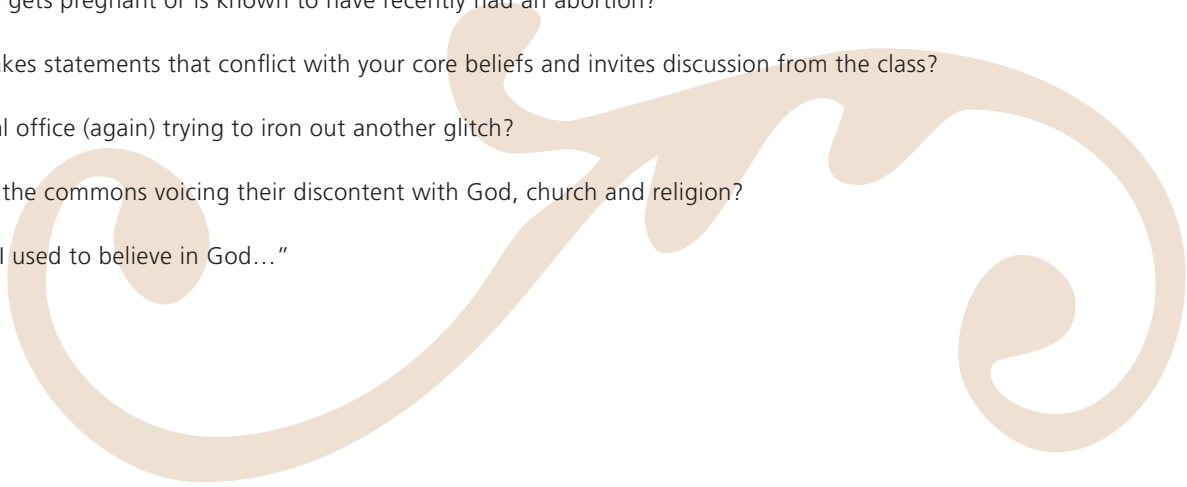
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- We wish we were like that; It's admirable by others; It works; We like being on the receiving end of it...despite feeling unworthy. It stands out.



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The fanfare for Jesus was for royalty (laying of cloaks & branches, the shouting "Hosanna," the large crowd, the parading into town) but his presentation begged the question "Who is this?" since it was a humble and unassuming man riding on a donkey. Jesus isn't proclaiming himself... the people are. Isn't the whole Bible leading up to this point? God is returning to His city for the final stages of redeeming the world unto himself. The ruckus is part of drawing the attention of the whole world. We teach first then serve others...Jesus served and then did the up front stuff.

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Foretold, visible, personal, leader, close/accessible, humble, gentle vs. "I'm my own King and you are yours," "Jesus is a nice guy but not my King," "He's part of an oppressive institution, irrelevant, impersonal" How has your chapter/fellowship confused the campus about a verse 5 Jesus?

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Self serving, domesticate Jesus in LG, being a judgmental institution, don't play well with others (who don't "agree" with "us") We ride around on white stallions rather than donkeys...the foal of a donkey. The crowd gathered around Jesus because of his patterns and reputation of love and healing. If we were really telling God's story then it would be radically original like Jesus was radically (and authentically) himself when he entered the city. Why do we "touch up" a perfect picture of Jesus? Some Christians are manifesting a radically authentic Jesus to the poor and through worship but domesticate this same Jesus in LG with a sterile distant image.

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