

## HOSANNA TO THE SAVIOR

On what we call Palm Sunday, Jesus came in to Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The people greeted him with palm branches saying, "Hosanna. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (Matthew 21:9)." They clearly understood that Jesus was the messiah. He was the one promised. He was the savior here to set up David's kingdom yet again (Mark 11:10).

It must have been a time of celebration. They must have been thinking, "Here is the messiah, a few days before the Passover. What incredible timing. Just as God saved Israel from Egypt, He will save us from Rome." The people loved Him, but the religious leaders hated Him (Matthew 21:15).

Jesus found Himself in front of Pilate a few days later. There was no charge against Him, but the crowd shouted to have Him crucified (John 19:6). Likely the same crowd who a few days ago were hailing Him as the savior was now labeling Him a fraud.

They believed He was the savior, but did not have faith in His power to save.

The people had their own idea of what the savior should look like. They called for David's kingdom, but wanted it ushered in like Saul. When it seemed Jesus was failing, they quickly gave up on Him. They forgot all the signs he had performed. They forgot all the teaching He had done. They forgot if He, as God, could raise people from the dead that God could raise Him too.

How often do we become so easily swayed to believe God cannot do anything. Too often we think we have God figured out. We hold a form of faith, but do not hold the true faith. Therefore we become easily swayed by the world to follow after them and not the one true and living God (2Tim 3:1-7).

As we proclaim, "Hosanna in the highest," let us not forget that calling Jesus the savior and Christ may not mean what we think it means. But, just because it makes no sense to us does not mean that it makes no sense to God. He is in control. If He says he will save, we can trust Him no matter what.

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