

HOSANNA

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Scripture:

Mat 21:1-17 When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. 3 "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'" 6 The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, 7 and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. 8 Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. 9 The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Hosanna in the highest!" 10 When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee." 12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a 'ROBBERS DEN.'" 14 And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant 16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these children are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF?'" 17 And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Background:

They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?"

And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

Matthew quotes 5 Old Testament Scriptures about the Messiah.

1. He will enter Jerusalem on a donkey as a triumphal King (Mt 21:4-5).

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'" (Zec 9:9).

2. He is praised as the Messiah (Mt 21:9)

The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Hosanna in the highest!" (Psa 118:26)

3. He will be praised by the children (Mt 21:15-16).

But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant 16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these children are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF?'" (Ps 8:2)

4. He heals people

Mt 21:14 And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

Isa 53:5 The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

5. He will be zealous for His house.

Ps 69:9 For zeal for Your house has consumed me, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

Mt 21:12-13 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a 'ROBBERS DEN.'" (Isa 56:7; Jer 7:11)

Parallel to our Christian life

1. Christ enters our life gently, as the King

He comes riding on the Holy Spirit

Jn 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (Jn 3:3-8)

The Holy Spirit reveals Christ

The Holy Spirit will take the Word of God and give you illumination so that you can know Jesus Christ personally and intimately. It is not enough to know the Word alone, we must also know the Holy Spirit, who testifies about who Jesus is.

1 Cor 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

John 15:26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,

2. He inspires praise

As He enters we want to shout, "Hosanna! Praise! Glory to God in the Highest!"

The word "Hosanna" was a word that originally meant "Oh, save!" Later it came to be an exclamation of praise. For our purposes, we can consider it an acrostic giving us the various elements of worship and praise for our Lord Jesus.

H - Heart - Worship comes from a sincere heart.

Jn 4:23-24 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

O - Offering - Worship should be rendered sacrificially as an offering.

Heb 13:15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. (Ps 50:14, 23)

S - Singing - Worship in the Bible was often accompanied by song.

Eph 5:18-19 ... but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

A - Appreciation - Worship involves thanksgiving and gratitude.

Phil 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

N - Now - Every moment of life is an opportunity for praise.

Eph 5:20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

1Thes 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

N - New - Sing to the Lord a new song.

This means that our worship should always be fresh. Every time we sing to Him, it should be as though we were singing that song for the first time.

Ps 98:1 O sing to the LORD a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him. (Ps 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 144:9; 149:1; Isa 42:10; Rev 5:9; 14:3)

A - Adoration - Only those who are in deepest love with Jesus can richly worship Him.

Adoration - In its true sense, the act of paying honor to a divine being. In the Scriptures various forms of adoration are mentioned; e.g., putting off the shoes (Ex 3:5; Josh 5:15), bowing the knee (Gen 41:43), falling prostrate (43:26; 2:46), and kissing (Lk 7:38). (from The New Unger's Bible Dictionary)

3. We can be offended at His work

Jn 6:60-63 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?" 61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble? ... 63 " It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Jn 6:66-68 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?" 68 Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

4. He heals us of being lame and blind

The lame - This speaks of our Christian walk

Mt 15:30-31 And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them. 31 So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel. (Mt 1:5; 21:14; Lk 7:22; Jn 5:1-9)

The blind - This speaks of how we see things as Christians.

Jn 9:38-41 And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind ." 40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, " We are not blind too, are we?" 41 Jesus said to them, " If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ' We see,' your sin remains. (Jn 5:3; 9:1-41)

5. Jesus continues to do a cleansing work in our life

2Cor 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Conclusion:

Palm Sunday is a wonderful day to allow the process grow in you. Perhaps you feel your life is as confused as the bedlam in the courtyard of Jerusalem's temple. Jesus wants to ride into your life, give you a "Hosanna," overturn some habits, teach you to pray, and He desires your praise. Come to the one about whom it was said, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Fulfilled prophecies:

Our faith in Christ isn't based on wishful thinking, nor does it consist of blind leaps. Jesus provided "many infallible proofs," including fulfilled Old Testament prophecy. Every phase of the passion week was predicted, in fact, Jesus fulfilled 36 of the 63 Messianic prophecies in his final week of life.

Prophecies fulfilled in Jesus' life	Prophecy	Fulfillment
His triumphal entry	Ps 118:25-26	Mt 21:4-5; Mk 11:9-10; Jn 12:13
He will be praised as the Messiah	Psa 118:26	Mt 21:9
He will enter Jerusalem on a donkey as king	Zech 9:9	Mt 21:4-5; John 12:12-16
He will be praised by children	Ps 8:2	Mt 21:16
He will be betrayed by a friend	Ps 41:9; 55:12-14	Jn 13:18; Ac 1:16
He will be sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zech 11:12-13	Mt 26:15
The money thrown on the floor of the Temple	Zech 11:13	Mt 27:3-10
The money is used to buy a potter's field	Zech 11:13	Mt 27:3-10
He will be accused by false witnesses	Ps 109:2-4	Mt 26:59-62
He is silent before His accusers	Isa 53:7	Mt 27:12-14; Mk 14:61; Lk 23:8; Jn 19:9
Jewish unbelief	Isa 53:1	Jn 12:38; Rom 10:16
The disciples are scattered at the cross	Zech 13:7	Mt 26:31, 56; Mk 14:27, 50
He is rejected by His own people	Isa 53:3	Lk 9:22; Jn 7:48
He is hated without cause	Ps 69:4	Jn 15:25
His friends stood far off	Ps 38:11	Lk 22: 54; 23:49
He made intercession for His persecutors	Isa 53:12	Lk 23:24
He is mocked	Ps 22:7-8	Mt 27:29, 39-44; Mk 15:17-20; Lk 23:11
He is beaten	Isa 50:6; Mic 5:1	Mt 26:67; Mk 14:65; 15:19
He is spit upon	Isa 50:6	Mt 26:67; 27:30; Mk 14:65; 15:19
He is scourged	Isa 53:5	Mt 27:26; Mk15:15; Jn 19:1
He falls under the cross	Ps 109:24	Jn 19:17, Lk 23:26
His hands and feet are pierced	Ps 22:16	Mt 27:35; Mk15:24; Jn 19:37
He is crucified with thieves	Isa 53:12	Lk 22:37; 23:32
He is ridiculed	Ps 22:6-7	Mt 27:39; Mk15:29; Lk 23:35-39
People wag their heads	Ps 22:8	Mt 27:39-40
He is stared at	Ps 22:17	Lk 23:35
His clothes are gambled away	Ps 22:18	Mt 27:35; Mk 15:24; Lk 23:34; Jn 19:23-24
He is agonized by thirst	Ps 69:3-4	Ps 22:15; Jn 19:28
Gall and vinegar is offered to Him	Ps 69:21	Mt 27:48; Mk 15:36; Lk 23:36; Jn 19:28-29
Darkness falls over the land	Am 8:9	Mt 27:45
His forsaken cry	Ps 22:1	Mt 27:46; Mk 15:34
He commits Himself to God	Ps 31:5	Mt 27:46; Lk 23:46
His bones are not broken	Ps 34:20	Jn 19:35-36; Ex 12:46; Num 9:12
His side is pierced	Zec 12:10	Jn 19:34
His heart is broken	Ps 22:14	Jn 19:34
He is buried in a rich man's tomb	Is 53:9	Mk 15:43-46; Lk 23:50-53; Jn 19:38-42
The suicide of Judas	Ps 109:8-9	Mt 27:5; Ac 1:20