

Hosanna

John 18:2–8 (ESV)

² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.”

John 19:10–11 (ESV)

¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” ¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

The crucifixion of Jesus was not accidental. When we think of Jesus approaching His crucifixion, the **big celebration that people around Him were having** was **opposite of what He was doing**.

There was probably around 2 million people in Jerusalem for Passover.

Matthew 21:1–4 (ESV)

21 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

- The book of Mark tells us that the colt was never ridden before. (Power of God!)

Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

- Once again, Jesus fulfilling prophecy. (No way He could have remembered all of them if he was an impostor!)

Matthew 21:6–11 (ESV)

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

- So, the groundwork is laid for His crucifixion. (In motion, no turning back.)
- The people cried **Hosanna**. ("Save now") **They celebrated, He wept.**
- The people didn't properly recognize Him as their King, in the way that Jesus is King. Why? False spiritual information, man-made ideas and traditions. They wanted a king through their own interests, certainly not led on the level in which Jesus is. The longer the resistance, the more calloused they became.

John 12:31–36 (ESV)

³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

- When you look at the 4 gospels, you really see 3 different entries, not just one.
1. The cleansing of the Temple- (Where this took place in the temple was supposed to be a place where people could come from afar and see the witness of Israel.)

Matthew 21:12–17 (ESV)

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹² And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

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 did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, ¹⁶ and they 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 infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?" ¹⁷ And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

- a.) The only testimony was profit and marketing of a religion.
- b.) When Jesus called the temple "my house", it made him the owner! (God)

c.) House of God- proper witness, word, worship and praise, prayer, changed lives.

Matthew 23:25–28 (ESV)

²⁵ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶ You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

²⁷ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matthew 23:37–38 (ESV) **Lament over Jerusalem**

³⁷ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate.

2. The Cursing of the fig tree- (**Fig tree**- Israel, **Leaves but no fruit**- religious but nothing on the inside. **Withered leaves**, demonstrating the unhappiness of the Eternal King.)
 - a.) God wants His people in His churches to produce fruit!
 - b.) The madness goes on to this day, despite the cross is where it is supposed to lead. (Salvation of souls.)
 - c.) He demonstrated that His people are to live by faith for His eternal Kingdom.

Summary

John 12:19 (ESV)¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

- **Were they?** Or were *they wanting victory over Rome*, so they could do as they please. **And the pharisees?** *They wanted* the people doing as they pleased.
- They liked the miracles! (Oh the emotion of it all!) (They were blind, as we are today.)
- It seemed that no one was paying attention to His words and the approaching cross. (It seems eerily the same these days.)
- He declared His Kingship and it challenged religious and other leaders.
- Yet His triumph was not this entry but the entry to the cross, and resurrection.
- His triumph is when a soul is saved from hell. (**Thru the cross, payment of sin with His own blood, overcoming death and returning to reign forever.**)
- How involved are we? Do we celebrate Jesus but religiously, or **do we like Him, but we don’t want to serve Him?**
- This is about salvation. This is what His church and His people are to be about.

Luke 19:37–40 (ESV)

³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the

crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

- They were blind to the cross and the reason for it, and many are today.

But know this...

Revelation 19:11–16 (ESV)

The Rider on a White Horse

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

- May we cry Hosanna in the truest sense- “Save us now”.