

## Hosanna! Save us!

**Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19**

In a grand public demonstration, as final notice to the Holy City, He entered amid the hallelujahs and hosannas of the expectant multitudes. The people were jubilant. They thought the hour of deliverance was at hand. –*Halley's Bible Handbook*

**Who was there?** The great crowd that had come for the Feast, the Disciples, the group who followed him & loved the miracles, the observers of Lazarus' miracle, little children.

Pharisees also watched, asking Jesus to rebuke the disciples. What was Jesus' reply in Luke 19:40?

### **What was shouted?**

Read Ps. 118:25-29. Considered a Messianic Psalm, this confirms that the crowd knew he was Messiah.

"**Hosanna!**" (Mk., Jn.) The Greek form of a Hebrew term... Means "Save us, now."

"**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**" (Mt., Mk., Lk., Jn)

"Hosanna in the highest!" (Mt., Mk.)

"Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Mt.)

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" (Mk.)

"Blessed is the King of Israel!" (Jn.)

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" (Lk.) (see Lk.2:14)

**When?** The Sunday before His death, in Perfect timing, and a week before His resurrection.

**Where?** Entering Jerusalem, from Bethany.

**Why?** Fulfilling prophecy, but the people thought it was an earthly Kingdom.

**How?** Using Palms, Spreading garments, both ancient act of homage for high royalty.

- **Palm fronds were used early on to give praise to God.** See Lev. 23:39-40 used to build the booths, but believed to be waved in their hands as they gave praise  
*"Therefore bearing ivy-wreathed wands and beautiful branches and also fronds of palm, they offered hymns of thanksgiving to him who had given success to the purifying of his own holy place."* 2Macc.10:7

- **Palm branches were used to begin Christ's last week before His sacrifice.**

The four gospel accounts bring a clear picture of the praise given Him on that Sunday.

- **"Palm branches" should be waved every Lord's Day, and in our hearts every day.**

If a sports enthusiast can wave a foam hand or a banner, we can wave our praise to God!

But beware! We are "prone to wander" as it says in the hymn Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.

How readily hands waving in praise and celebration become fists raised at the heavens in pain or hardship. Like a palm laid down and forgotten, the honor we bestow on Sunday can easily be abandoned by Wednesday.

--Jill Carattini, the Slice of Infinity devotional

- **Palm branches will be used in the end to give praise to God.** Read Rev. 7:9-17

"every nation, tribe, people and language"

As time allows, share a psalm of praise you wrote from last time.