**Hosanna**

**Blesses is He that Cometh in the Name of the Lord**

Palm Sunday is centered around Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a colt for the Passover feast. The event is recorded in **Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; and in John 12:12-19.** Jesus sent two of his disciples to a location where they would find a colt that had never been ridden by a man and he instructed them to bring it to him. They then spread their garments upon the colt and sat Jesus on it and he rode into Jerusalem. When the people heard that he was coming, they took branches of palm trees and went to meet him and cried “*Hosanna, blessed is the king of Israel that comes in the name of the Lord.”*

Matthew’s version says that this was a fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy. **Matthew 21:4-5.** You can find that prophecy in **Zechariah 9:9-12.**

***Zechariah 9:9*** *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

***10*** *And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth*.

In verses 11 and 12 God says that he will release the prisoners of hope and give them double.

The wordhosanna means *“to be safe”* and it is an exclamation of adoration. It comes from the Hebrew word for salvation which means to *“defend, rescue, or deliver.”* According to the Vines Expository of New Testament Words, it was originally a cry for help!

In the Old Testament times during the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles, the priest would wave palm and willow branches and the people would recite the *“Hallel”* which was a chant of praise consisting of **Psalms 113-118**. The last day of the feast was called “*the great hosannah.”*

As we examine these Psalms, we find that they are filled with praises to God for his care, provision, and deliverance in various situations.

***Psalms 113*** *Praise the name of the Lord forever-from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same-he helps the poor rise out of the dust and lifts the needy out of the dunghill* ***[the rubbish-or garbage dump]*** *that he may dwell with the princes-he makes the barren woman to be a joyful mother of children*

***Ps 114*** *When Israel came out of Egypt, the sea was turned back*

***Ps 115*** *praise the Lord for his mercy and his truth-****The heathen say*** *“where is your God now” but he is our help and our shield-he has been mindful of us*

***Ps 116*** *The Lord has heard my cry-he helped me-you have loosed my bonds-you have set me free from my afflictions*

***Psalms 117*** *Praise the Lord for his merciful kindness is great toward us and his truth endureth for ever*

***Psalms 118*** *I called on the Lord in my distress and he answered me*

*The Lord is on my side, I will not fear what man can do to me*

*V8-9 It is better to trust the Lord than to put confidence in man*

***V 14 The Lord is my strength and my song and has become my salvation-deliverance, help, victory***

***V24*** *This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it*

***29*** *Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, his mercy endureth forever*

The people recited the Psalms. They praised Him for His previous acts of deliverance and for His promises of help and victory. Those praises don’t amount to anything more than an empty ritual unless those truths become personally real. The people lived under the condemnation of the law that made it impossible for one to qualify to receive from God. Even though it was designed to be a ritual of praise and adoration, it was really a cry for help!

Up until the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees portrayed God in a manner that made it impossible for anyone to receive from him.

Religion produced condemnation and a sense of hopelessness. God was a distant God that was only interested in people measuring up to His standards. There was nothing *“personal”* involved. They had a slave mentality. Jesus produced a different picture of God and crowds followed him everywhere he went.

When the Passover Feast was being celebrated right before the crucifixion of Jesus, as Jesus entered into Jerusalem on the colt, the disciples and followers of Jesus waved palm branches in the traditional manner. But, they were not chanting the traditional memorized “Hallel” from Psalms 113-118, they were shouting praises straight from their hearts that were birthed out of their personal experiences with Jesus. Jesus caused people to feel valued rather than condemned.

**Luke 19:31-48**

**V37-38-***The multitude of disciples began with a loud voce to praise God and rejoice for all the mighty works they had seen*-*Blessed be the king that comes in the name of the Lord-*when the Pharisees asked Jesus to rebuke the disciples-he said if they don’t praise me, the rocks will.

**V 47-48** The Pharisees were jealous and wanted to destroy him *for all*

*the people were very attentive* ***[to hang upon the lips of a speaker]*** *to*

*hear him.*

***John 12:17*** *The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.*

***18*** *For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.*

***19*** *The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.*

**Luke 19:41-44** When Jesus came near Jerusalem he wept over it because they had missed the day of their visitation. The Jews as a whole totally misunderstood the things pertaining to the kingdom of God and it caused them to be prisoners of the enemy.

**2 Coringhians 3:14-15** When the law is the focus, there is a veil

over our eyes and we cannot see spiritual truths because the law

disqualifies us from receiving what is ours.

The law was the focus of the Pharisees and they completely missed

the point of the Gospel.

**Luke 20:46-**beware of scribes which love the highest seats. . .

**Matthew 23:13**The Pharisees shut up the kingdom

**Matthew 23:4**they laid burdens on people that could not be lifted.

Jesus came with a different message! It was not like the message that

the Pharisees preached. His message presented God as a God of

compassion and mercy and it drew them to him.

***Joh 13:1*** *Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time*

 *had come to leave this world to go to the Father. Having loved his*

*dear companions, he continued to love them right to the end.*

**John 13:1-8** Jesus began washing his disciples feet. When he came

to Peter, Peter protested saying that it was he that needed to wash

Jesus’ feet. He still had an Old Testament mentality and saw himself in the servant’s position. Jesus said, *“Unless you let me wash your feet, you have no part with me.”*

**Luke 22:15-22** describes the Passover feast or “*communion”* that Jesus had with his disciples.

**Luke 22:24** It was during this time that the discipleshad an

argument over which of them was the greatest.

***Luk 22:25*** *And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise*

*e lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them*

 *are called benefactors.* ***26*** *But ye shall not be so: but he that is*

*greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief,*

 *as he that doth serve.* ***27*** *For whether is greater, he that sitteth at*

 *meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am*

 *among you as he that serveth.*

Jesus had his father’s heart and saw men and women holding the

 position of honor. Do we see ourselves in the greater position?

JESUS WAS NOT SELF CENTERED: HE WAS PEOPLE CENTERED

He LOVED PEOPLE! He validated people with his love and that

 LOVE SET PEOPLE FREE! JESUS MINISTERED TO PEOPLE

WITH COMPASSION AND SHOWED THEM MERCY.

HE CAUSED PEOPLE TO FEEL PROTECTED RATHER THAN

EXPOSED. **1 Peter 4:8** Love covers a multitude of sins.

***Psalms 113*** *Praise the name of the Lord forever-from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same-he helps the poor rise out of the dust and lifts the needy out of the dunghill* ***[the rubbish-or garbage dump]*** *that he may dwell with the princes-he makes the barren woman to be a joyful mother of children*

Up until Jesus came, God was portrayed as ***“unapproachable.”***

*Someone that was diseased had to call out* ***“unclean”***

***The law disqualified anyone from receiving from God.***

**Hebrews 4:14-16** Jesus said *“Boldly run to me.”* I understand the hidden issues of your hearts that make you do what you do.

**Matthew 11:5** Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom-*The blind*

*see,the lepers are cleased,the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor*

 *have the gospel preached to them*

**Luke 4:18** *He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor:*

 *He set me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the*

 *captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set them at liberty*

 *that are bruised. . .*

**Mark 8:1-2**When people were hungry-he had compassion on them

 and fed them.

Jesus was thronged by people. At one time he secretly went into the

desert just to get some rest and to spend time with his father. The

people found out where he was and followed him. He did not turn

people away like the religious leaders of the day did. He did not say, “Office hours are over, come back at a more convenient time for me.”

He *received* ***[accepted]***them.

**John 3:16-17** He did not come to point out people’s sins-he came to

Save them **[Hosannah]**

**John 8:1-6** The adulterous woman was not condemned by

 Jesus.

***Joh 8:15*** *Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.*

**John 8: 12 Jesus** brought light to darkness

**John 12:46-50** Jesus replace condemnation with life

The judgment of the world was placed on Jesus. God has already

 judged the world and now his verdict concerning man is always,

“I FIND HIM *NOT GUILTY!”*

**John 12L28-32** Now is the judgment of this world and the prince of

this world shall be cast out.

Jesus opened blind eyes **[spiritually blind eyes]** and caused men

 to see God and the things pertaining his kingdom in a whole new

way.

**2 Corinthians 3:14-15** When the things of the law are read, we are

blind to spiritual things.

The Pharisees came against Jesus in every way. They were inspired

 by their father the devil. It led to the crucifixion of Jesus. Which

shows us that the devil does not know everything. He has no spiritual

sight!

**1 Corinthians 2:5-10-**had they known it they would not have

 crucified the Lord of glory

It was through that crucifixion that our inheritance was “*set in stone.”*

It is incorruptible! Nothing can separate us from our inheritance or

 the love God has for us!

***1Pe 1:18*** *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with*

*corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation*

*received by tradition from your fathers****; 1Pe 1:19*** *But with the*

 *precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without*

*spot:*

***1Pe 1:23*** *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of*

*incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

 Not principalities, not powers, not things in heaven nor things in

 earth. Not even yourself.

***Rom 8:34*** *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea*

*rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who*

 *also maketh intercession for us.*

***Rom 8:35*** *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword*?