

Hosanna!

Being filled with faith changes our perspective. Emptiness is replaced with purpose; despair is overcome by life. As Jesus prepared to enter the city of Jerusalem in preparation for Passover, the multitudes were certain He would rise upon the throne of David, establishing David's kingdom once again, bringing Rome to capitulation through His power and by His works. This multitude had followed Jesus for some time. They had seen the power of God in operation, they had seen Christ's compassion and unique ability to communicate to all races, religions, and cultures. They had seen the blind eyes opened as was prophesied in Isaiah. They had seen the dead raised. He even fed them all miraculously! Luke 19:11 says, "*they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.*"

But the multitudes were praising Jesus not for who He is, but for what was in it for them! They were blinded to their own sin and need for a savior. They were not filled with faith but instead retained a void filled with emptiness and despair. They were enemies of God in their hearts and did not know it. In less than one week they all turned from praising Jesus to killing Him.

But in that place of despair they did not realize they were seeing the Plan of God fulfilled before them. Soon, emptiness and despair would be replaced with purpose and life! For the Lord Himself destroyed the power of sin and death. He was about to pay the price for you! Even today that same spirit which drove the multitude works against the plan of God. But the Lord Jesus Christ will deliver us even as He Himself was delivered, for Christ has destroyed the power of death and the transgressions that stood against us, nailing them to His own cross! This Palm Sunday, remember the victory purchased for you by His own blood! His victory was made for you. Shout Hosanna!

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