

Hosanna

Matthew 21:1-7 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came 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, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me.³ And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."⁴ All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them.

- Jesus had been suppressing this kind of attention. Telling people that had been healed to tell no one.
- But here, Jesus enters in the most public way possible.
- Jesus knows that He will be executed if He enters Rome. By entering this way, Jesus is showing no fear, and that He is in full control of what is going to happen to Him.
- By the requisition of the colt, Jesus demonstrates both His sovereignty and His humility. And fulfills the prophecy.

Matthew 21:8-9 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road.⁹ 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!"

Hosanna – Oh Save!

They were crying out for salvation!

Palm Branches meant national independence. Overthrow Rome.

They were crying out God Save Us.

Palm Branches of their own expectations

4 schools of expectations or theological thought:

1. Sadducees – Don't believe a Messiah is coming. Looking for an aristocratic King. Royalty.
2. Pharisees – Religious, looking for a Theocracy.
3. Aceans – Monastic and the Kingdom of Heaven was not of this earth but could be achieved through piety
4. Zealots – Militant raising of a king by force.

Were they right?

1. The Messiah did come as an aristocrat – He was from a royal line
2. Jesus did come to bring righteousness by fulfilling the law
3. The Kingdom of this world is not seen, but it is present here in us
4. Jesus did come to overthrow another kingdom – the Kingdom of darkness

Ultimately the cry was for Salvation. Hosanna = Save us.

- Everyone needs saving. And ultimately we all need saving from the same thing – our sin nature.
- But often what we see we need saving from may look different to different people.

It's no different today.

- Some people believe we need a governmental reform, we need to be saved from the government. Just like the common citizen of Israel wanted saving from Rome.
- Some believe we need revival. We need to be saved from the wickedness of the world around us.
- Some need saving in their individual circumstances. Not enough money, not enough time, broken families, relationships.
- Addictions, unhappiness, unfulfillment...

Whatever we feel we need saving from – we need Jesus.

But it is probable that the salvation that Jesus brings us will look as foreign to us as it did to the Jews of that time.

What happens at Salvation?

The concept of salvation is generally thought of in terms of becoming born again, or the entry to becoming a Christian. Maybe eternal security. But in reality a better definition of Sozo, or salvation, is to be made whole. And this is what we are crying out for. Because without Jesus, we are not whole.

- **Colossians 2:10** and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

What happens at salvation?

Our sins are forgiven

- **1 John 2:1-2** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Our sin nature dies

- **Romans 6:1-3** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

We are raised to life with Christ

We are united with Christ

We are seated in Heavenly places

- **Ephesians 2:4-6** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

We are made children of God

- **Ephesians 1:4-5** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without

blame before Him in love, ⁵having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will

We are made Co-heirs with Christ

- **Romans 8:16-17** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

We are made 100% righteous (deals with our Spirit)

- **2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

We are sanctified (deals with our soul)

- **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14** But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, ¹⁴to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are given the tools to overcome the flesh (deals with the body/flesh)

- **Romans 7:21-25** I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²²For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³But I see another law in my

members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

We are sealed unto the final day

- **Ephesians 1:13-14** In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

We are given complete access to the Father

- **Hebrews 10:19-22** Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

We are given a place to live in heaven

- **John 14:1-3** “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go

to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

We are made overcomers

- **1 John 5:4-5** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

We have complete peace with God

- **Romans 5:1** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

To Be Made Whole:

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. ²⁴

Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

- Demon Possessed – daimonizomai – Deliverance of the spirit
- Epileptics – selēniazomai – To be crazy, a lunatic – Healing of the soul
- Paralytics – paralutikos- healing of the body

This is to be made whole.