

## HOSHIYA NA TO THE KING!

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**B.** Since late in January we've been exploring the lives of several OT kings, some good and some bad. We started with Jehu, the king who had wicked Queen Jezebel tossed down to a gruesome death, even from her palace tower. We studied the reigns of Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, and Josiah--all good kings of Judah who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and experienced God's favor. But today we celebrate the King of kings who rode triumphantly into Jerusalem on a donkey bound for a bloody cross. One Sunday later He would re-enter Jerusalem even more triumphantly, as He walked out of His borrowed tomb, alive!

**C.** As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the people laid their cloaks on the road and waved Palm branches. They shouted Messianic Scriptures prophesied hundreds of years before this Day. Jewish leaders were enraged. They urged Jesus to quiet the crowd. Jesus said to them, *"If these be quiet, the stones will cry out!"*

**D.** One of the Hebrew phrases they shouted was '*Hoshiya na!*' which we translate, *Hosanna!* It's a cry for help and a shout of hope, all in a single word. (Pleading + Praising) *"Save us Lord--we praise You!"* Think of an emergency where one says, "Call 911--oh praise God the squad just arrived!" **V9** once again: *"And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, "Hoshiya na! to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hoshiya na! in the highest!"*

**E.** If you call 911 the dispatcher will ask, *"What is your emergency?"* When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the emergency was sin and death and all its offspring: enslavement, brokenness, blindness, hopelessness, lawlessness, idolatry, immorality, hatred, murder, abject poverty--spiritual and otherwise. But King Jesus was coming to do something about all of it and that would involve dying on a cross.

**F.** So what's your 911 emergency? Your marriage? Your children? Finances? Addiction? A health crisis? Aging parents? Your aging self? Depression? Doubt or fear? Worry or dread? Idolatry? Immorality? Pride? Selfishness? Self-righteousness?

**G.** Have you cried, *Hoshiya na!?! Or do you believe this King is unable to rescue you, heal you, or deliver you? Have you convinced yourself that you're beyond His reach? Remember His royal proclamation, directed to you: [Matthew 11:28-30](#) (NIV) 28 "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

**H.** There's two things all those OT kings, both good and bad, have in common, including Herod and Pilate: none of their thrones are occupied and none of them can help you. But your King, who rode into Jerusalem 2,000 years ago to waving palm branches and cries of *Hoshiya na*, still occupies His throne. His love for you is endless. His power is unlimited. And He longs to make you His! He longs to know you better. Have you cried out to Him? Have you bowed your heart to Him?

**I.** Dr. Shadrach Meshach Lockridge was the well known pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in San Diego, California from 1953 to 1993. For 40 years he faithfully fed the sheep of this prominent African American congregation. He also preached throughout the U.S. and around the world. In 1976 S.M. Lockridge delivered a short sermon in Detroit, Michigan. It was titled, *"That's My King."* It's still as powerful as ever and I pray his brief but potent words touch you as they always do me...

\* [That's My King by S.M. Lockridge:](#)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzqTFNfeDnE>

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Well, I wonder if you know Him. Do you know Him? Don't try to mislead me. Do you know my King? David said the Heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork. My King is the only one of whom there are no means of measure that can define His limitless love. No far seeing telescope can bring into visibility the coastline of the shore of His supplies. No barriers can hinder Him from pouring out His blessing.

He's enduringly strong. He's entirely sincere. He's eternally steadfast. He's immortally graceful. He's imperially powerful. He's impartially merciful. That's my King. He's God's Son. He's the sinner's Saviour. He's the centerpiece of civilization. He stands alone in Himself. He's honest. He's unique. He's unparalleled. He's unprecedented. He's supreme. He's pre-eminent. He's the grandest idea in literature. He's the highest personality in philosophy. He's the supreme problem in higher criticism. He's the fundamental doctrine of historic theology. He's the carnal necessity of spiritual religion. That's my King.

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Do you know Him? Well, my King is a King of knowledge. He's the wellspring of wisdom. He's the doorway of deliverance. He's the pathway of peace. He's the roadway of righteousness. He's the highway of holiness. He's the gateway of glory. He's the master of the mighty. He's the captain of the conquerors. He's the head of the heroes. He's the leader of the legislatures. He's the overseer of the overcomers. He's the governor of governors. He's the prince of princes. He's the King of kings and He's the Lord of lords. That's my King.

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**\* Close with Prayer...**

## **[Scriptures, Videos, & Bonus Stuff](#)**

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### **"That's My King"**

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### Film Clips & Other Links

**The Crowd or the Cross - Igniter Media**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bx5myFFHo\\_Q&feature=related](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bx5myFFHo_Q&feature=related)

**Palm Sunday Video**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ23ryYK8ac&list=RDQMp\\_6O6k\\_IDuk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ23ryYK8ac&list=RDQMp_6O6k_IDuk)

**"Sing Hosanna" - Ken Middleton**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKFmzNPg7FA>

**That's My King by Dr. S.M. Lockridge**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzqTFNfeDnE>

### Bonus Stuff

#### Zechariah 9:9 (NIV)

**9** Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

#### Psalms 118:24-29 (NIV)

**24** This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **25** O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success. **26** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. **27** The LORD is God, and He has made His light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. **28** You are my God, and I will give You thanks; You are my God, and I will exalt You. **29** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

#### John 12:12-16 (ESV)

**12** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. **13** So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" **14** And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, **15** "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" **16** His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him.

#### Revelation 7:9-12 (NKJV)

**9** After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" **11** All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **12** saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

#### Quote by Augustus Toplady

"When Christ entered into Jerusalem the people spread garments in the way: when He enters into our hearts, we pull off our own righteousness, and not only lay it under Christ's feet but even trample upon it ourselves."

- Augustus Montague Toplady (1740 - 1778) was an Anglican pastor and hymn writer. He is best remembered as the author of the hymn, "Rock of Ages."

#### Quote by Bill Hybels

"But everyone who lined the streets had a different reason for waving those palms. Some were political activists; they'd heard Jesus had supernatural power, and they wanted him to use it to free Israel from Roman rule. Others had loved ones who were sick or dying. They waved branches, hoping for physical healing. Some were onlookers merely looking for something to do, while others were genuine followers who wished Jesus would establish himself as an earthly king. Jesus was the only one in the parade who knew why he was going to Jerusalem – to die. He had a mission, while everyone else had an agenda."

- Bill Hybels is the founding and senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, IL.

### **Quote by Kevin Gray**

"We wave palms because we have long awaited God's deliverance and now we're within 7 days of it. We wave palms because Jesus shows us life-saving answers when we feel crushed by problems threatening to overcome us. We wave palms because Jesus has set us free from the destructive longings of our fallen nature. We wave palms because, like the pilgrims who came to Jerusalem and gave thanks for their healing by Jesus, we too can really be healed in body, mind, and spirit."

### **Quote by Robert Barron**

"Jesus was not only the glory of Yahweh returning to His Temple; He was also the new David, indeed Yahweh Himself, reclaiming His city and preparing to deal with the enemies of Israel. He fought, of course, not in the conventional manner. Instead, He took all of the dysfunction of the world upon Himself and swallowed it up in the ocean of divine mercy and forgiveness. He thereby dealt with the enemies of the nation and emerged as the properly constituted King of the world."

### **Prayer by David Maddalena**

"I worship You Lord! You did not enter your holy city Jerusalem on the back of a war horse, but humbly and on a donkey. You knew that You were surrounded by murderers, yet You came in peace, and by Your sacrifice You would utterly conquer death before the week had passed. You, oh Lord, are blessed and worthy of my praise. You have saved Your people. I say, "You are my King!"... I long to live in the city where You sit on the throne! Establish Your Kingdom, so that Your people can live in peace. Jesus, I bow before You, and I will sing Your praises until Your Kingdom comes and is established, and forever after."

- David Maddalena is a writer, poet, pastor, teacher, student, and artist.

### **What Palm Sunday Is All About**

By Tom Barnard

The crowd was clueless. They never got it right. They shouted praises. He wept. They looked for a warrior-king riding a white stallion. They got a carpenter riding a donkey. They wanted hype. They got a healer. They wanted a prophet. They got One who fulfilled prophecy. They wanted a scepter. They got a Savior. They got nothing they asked for but everything they needed. Only they never got it. They were clueless. Jesus was the only One there who really knew what was happening on that first Palm Sunday.

It's so easy to become like those people in Jerusalem. We think we know what's going on, but we really don't have a clue. We have a bad week, and we blame God. Our kids act out, and we blame the school. We work two jobs and wonder why things aren't better at home. Jesus comes to our town, and He wants to help; but we don't recognize Him for who He is. We think He will be impressed with our boats and our businesses and our stuff. He is not. He wants our hearts. That's what Palm Sunday is all about.