

“Hosanna” for the Wrong Reason? (4/10/22)

Main Verses: Matthew 21:1-11

Key Verse: Matthew 21:9

'Takeaway': Unlike the crowds who welcomed Jesus as king for the wrong reasons, God wants us to serve him every day with joy in light of his rescue.

Getting Started: [MISSING]



READ the main verses (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What does Paul tell his readers to do?
- Did the disciples obey Jesus?
- What does Hosanna mean?

Elementary:

- What is the importance of Jerusalem in this passage?
- How did the crowds react to Jesus's entry?
- Who did the people identify Jesus as?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- The people yelled, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" They recognized him as King.
- The throwing of the cloaks on the road and palm branches were symbols of submission to Jesus as King.
- The people thought Jesus was going to overthrow the current government; they did not understand that God's rescue was so much more important and greater. God wants us to welcome Jesus into our lives and to happily serve him every day.

Elementary:

- Jerusalem is the city of the Great King. The people know that Jesus is coming in the name of the Lord.
- The people threw their cloaks on the road, symbolizing their submission to Jesus as King. The palm branches symbolized identity and pride as a people and victory. They thought Jesus was going to overthrow the Romans, that he was going to save them from the political climate at that time.
- While they welcomed Jesus for the wrong reasons, God wants us to welcome Jesus into our lives and to serve him with rejoicing every day.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK): Talk to God, thanking him for sending Jesus to die on the cross and rise again so that we can live with him forever. Ask God to help you to learn more about him every day, and to serve him with rejoicing every day.

(Elementary): Talk to God, thanking him for sending Jesus to die on the cross and rise again so that by faith in him we can be rescued from sin and death. Ask God to help you to see clearly who he is and how he wants you to live in obedience and rejoicing every day.