

Sermon – Hosanna**Scripture – Read Mathew 21:1-11****Main Message – When the King of Righteousness Rides in, Cheer for God's Glory say O' Save Us Lord**

Anyone who has spent time in deep contemplation knows inherently there is something missing in their life. Some choose to *understand* that missing component of their life, and some won't. Those who choose to understand, some will find that missing component of their life in Jesus, but others will find it in earthly purposes – good community service, good moral character, strong family support, providing, healthy living etc... These earthly purposes never fully satisfy. They can never satisfy, because we, all of us, have a brokenness that cannot be repaired by our own will alone. That is why we pray, "Thy Will Be Done." If you have found the truth of Jesus Christ filling that missing component, then you are saved from the worst of dilemmas, **yourself**.

Read Mathew 21

Consider this situation. Number 1, Judea was under Roman control. Taxes, curfews, rights of the people were under tight control by Roman Authorities. Along with that, the Pharisees and the Scribes added to the people's burdens with nonsensical religious acts that had no value and placing undo burden that had nothing to do with God's justice and mercy.

The people felt it. Some would of course feel the Roman influence deeply, and some would feel the religious influence deeply. The people, physically, emotionally, and spiritually were being crushed. They wanted to be saved. Indeed, they need to be saved, but from whom?

But listen to what the people shouted. Hosanna! You know what that word means? The meaning of the word doesn't do it justice, because it has an emotional connection as well. It is a plea of desperation, Oh SAVE!, and expressed with adoration for the coming King.

For many, the primary focus was to be free from Roman Rule. For some, the primary purpose was freedom from oppressive religious rule. Where did Jesus spend his time? That is correct, he came to preach freedom from the religious authorities. He barely even cared about the Roman situation at all. The people cried out passionately, hoping for salvation from Jesus of Nazareth. He brought it, but not the way people wanted.

Recall what I said earlier. Everyone knows there is something missing in their heart. Some pursue it, some don't even try. Jesus came to Save, but not the way everyone thought. You are blessed to find Jesus as the missing component in life. For many though, they only see Roman Rule, government, taxes, oppressive thoughts, etc.. Or they see the lies of Religion, which I agree has no added value in life. But Jesus came to save us from ourselves, who are burdened with sin and grief, until we find Jesus.