

**Following Jesus
God, Save Us
Matthew 21:1-16**

I. Message

a. **Jesus is THE Savior**

i. **Matthew 21:9 “...Hosanna to the Son of David”**

ii. Hosanna

1. Save us now! Comes from the first word of Psalm 118:25
2. **“Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. 26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD:”**
3. This Psalm was used prominently in Passover worship, which happens to be the time Jesus is entering the city
 - a. It is a celebration of deliverance from Egypt
 - b. It points to the fact that God is a delivering God
 - c. Salvation is coming, just not the kind they were thinking
 - d. They did get one thing right
 - i. Jesus IS the Savior
 - ii. And worshipping for this is right!

b. **Jesus is the rightful heir to the throne**

i. Who was this “Hosanna” directed to in Matthew 21?

1. The Son of David
2. A direct reference to the Messiah!

ii. A physical descendant

1. Christ (the Messiah) was the fulfillment of the prophecy of the seed of David (Nathan the prophet to David)
2. **2 Samuel 7:12-13**
3. Matthew 1 and Luke 3 explain that both Mary (Jesus’ mother) and Joseph (Jesus “adoptive” father) were descendants from David
 - a. One through David’s son Nathan
 - b. And the other through David’s son Solomon
 - c. Jesus is a descendant of David by adoption through Joseph and by blood through Mary.
 - d. So, He is a physical heir to the throne
 - e. **Romans 1:3**
 - f. But even more than the physical connection to David, the title “Son of David” was reserved for Messiah
 - i. The Jews knew this name was a reference to Messiah
 - ii. This is why the leaders were so furious
 1. This title for Jesus enraged the leaders because of what it meant

2. And it was right on the money!

3. Revelation 22:16

c. Jesus is the One sent from God

- i. Mark 11:10 “10...Hosanna in the highest.”
- ii. This was an acknowledgement that salvation comes from on high
- iii. The crowd was saying, “You are our Savior from God in heaven!”
 1. Now they were thinking political salvation
 - a. The people wanted a military Messiah
 - b. They would have preferred that He come in on a white horse with a flashing sword in His hand
 - c. They would have preferred an impressive band of soldiers around Him.
 - d. But He did not come to make war with Rome, He came to make peace with God for men
 - i. Dealing with the sin problem first
 - ii. The ROOT issue of all other problems
 - iii. This is and has been God’s priority
 - iv. Fixing the broken relationship with Him

d. Jesus is the cosmic peace-maker

- i. Luke 19:38 “38...peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.
- ii. Peace in heaven
 1. Interestingly the counterpoint of the angels’ song in Luke 2
 2. “Peace to men on earth”
 3. Why should we praise God for peace in heaven?
 - a. There is peace in heaven now, because Jesus has taken away the wrath on sin
 - b. The enmity is gone
 - c. Ephesians 2:14-18

e. Jesus is God in flesh

- i. “God with us” as it says in Mathew 1
- ii. John 12:13 “Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh **in the name of the Lord.**”
- iii. In the name of the Lord
 1. Jesus comes in the power and authority of God
 2. John 5:17-18; John 5:43-47; Philippians 2:5-6
 - a. Jesus was God, but did not hold on to His rights as God
 - b. Instead, He became a man to die for our sins
 - c. God as a man dying to fix the relationship between God and man!

II. Conclusions – what can we learn from this worship?

a. Have you been delivered by the Savior?

- i. Is He Hosanna to you?
- ii. Many people in the crowd had not PERSONALLY been delivered by Jesus
- iii. In fact, they would turn on Him days later
- iv. It is one thing to SAY “Hosanna”, it is another thing to experience it!
- v. Has God saved YOU? GOSPEL

b. Is He King of your life?

- i. David called his own descendant, Messiah, “Lord”
- ii. Is He Lord to you?
- iii. Luke 6:46
- iv. John 15:13-14
 1. Is your obedience to Jesus and His Word non-negotiable?
 2. If He says it, I do it, no questions

c. Have you adopted His mission?

- i. Or are you on your own mission?
 1. Maybe you’ve forgotten the mission
 2. Sometimes we do this in life
 3. Usually a result of a cluttered mind, too busy
- ii. Do you have different goals than God?
 1. Easy to think I am on mission with God
 2. And doing my own thing!
 3. John 4:31-38
 - a. Sharing the gospel of Jesus is God’s priority
 - b. Seeing God change lives through the power of His Son

d. Are you celebrating your peace with God?

- i. This is really the pinnacle of human worship
- ii. Mercy and justice kissed each other on the cross
- iii. The cross is the bridge between sinful man and holy God
- iv. Psalm 85 :10 “Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.”
- v. Only God could do that and only in JESUS!
- vi. THAT is worth celebrating!

e. Worship Jesus correctly – for who He actually is!

- i. He is God in the flesh
- ii. Don’t forget that your friend and Savior is also Creator God of Universe!
- iii. And He is to be worshipped in Spirit and in truth
 1. Revelation 5:8-10; Revelation 19:1
 2. Revelation 19:6-8