

Hosannah: Disruptive Savior! (Palm Saturday)

You could say that Jesus was a Disruptive Savior that routinely disappointed selfish or short-sighted expectations.

John 11:25-26 I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Jesus demonstrated that He had power even over death by resurrecting Lazarus, and He was about to display His power again in His own resurrection.

John 10:17-18 The reason My Father loves Me is that I lay down My life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from My Father.

The Triumphal Entry

John 12:12-13 The great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!”

Hosannah: Oh save!

The Name of **Jesus** literally means **salvation**.

Is there a place in your life where you are wrestling with something. Where you're tired, disappointed, and have had enough? Take this frustration to God, to His word, and to others with experience and wisdom who can help you navigate these feelings. If you let them fester, they will turn from disappointment to bitterness.

The once praising crowd now turned into an angry blood-thirsty mob. The ones that were shouting Hosannah, were now screaming, “crucify Him.” Their response revealed their hearts. When they said Hosannah, they weren't praising Him for who He revealed Himself to be, but who they expected Him to be.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

We want Jesus and the salvation He offers, but only in specific areas and on our terms.

James 4:2-3 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Many times, we are like that crowd. We praise God when we think it might get Him to do something for us, but praise turns into silence when we don't get our way.

John 18:36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

Ephesians 6:12 We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but... against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

He didn't come to overthrow the oppressors of Rome, but the oppression of sin.

Rome was a prophetic physical illustration of what sin is and what it does in our lives.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

When He comes into your town, the first thing He will do is cleanse your temple.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

He will then challenge our world-view and philosophies with the truth of His word.

He will then start to heal and even resurrect the purposes of God for your life that the enemy has tried to destroy.

Jesus is Salvation and He wants to save you from sin, death, hell, the enemy, and your own selfish nature. Jesus saves, but His methods are disruptive.

Jesus died so that we could have life and a productive life to the fullest, not so we could be comfortable, complacent, unfruitful.

When we sing Hosannah, it is an invitation for the Savior to come and disrupt the things in our lives that are killing us, stealing from us, and destroying our legacy.

Response:

Ask God if there is any disappointment in your life that you are blaming on Him. Repent.

Get into the word and learn to adjust your expectations of God to what He says He will do. He is God, not a genie in a bottle. He is a Servant to all, but not our slave.

Praise Him in the sunshine and in the storm. When He answers your prayer and while you're still waiting for breakthrough.