The King Is Coming Palm Sunday KZ Lesson 4/9/2023

# Memory Verse: Mark 11:9 (NKJV)

**9**Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

“Hosanna!
‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the Lord!’

Target Thought: How we live everyday shows if Jesus is our Lord and King.

Matthew 21:1-11 (NKJV)

The Triumphal Entry

**21**Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, **2**saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose *them* and bring *them* to Me. **3**And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.”

**4**All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

**5**“Tell the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your King is coming to you,
Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

**6**So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. **7**They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set *Him* on them. **8**And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. **9**Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
‘Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the Lord!’
Hosanna in the highest!”

**10**And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”

**11**So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

We use a word today in worship that we don't use every week. It is a word we like to shout almost as if we were shouting HIP HIP HOORAY! Shout with me . . . HIP HIP HOORAY.

But you won't hear us shouting HIP HIP HOORAY in our songs today. The word you heard in today's scriptures and will sing in today's songs is the word HOSANNA. This is a word we always use on Palm Sunday, the day we remember how Jesus was met by the people of Jerusalem as he entered the city to celebrate the Jewish holiday, the Passover. Remind me what is the Passover? What significance does it have for us today? The word HOSANNA comes to us through a few languages including Greek, Aramaic (the language Jesus spoke), and Hebrew.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem 2000 years ago, the people were excited to see him. They had heard about his miracles, especially the miracle that he had raised Lazarus from the dead.

Imagine that! Jesus brought a man who had been dead for several days back to life. Lazarus was no longer dead. He was alive and well. People were very excited about this news. They were excited to see a miracle worker.

As Jesus, the miracle worker, came close to the city they saw him riding on a donkey and they shouted to him HOSANNA.

Although they shouted HOSANNA like we would shout HIP HIP HOORAY, the word actually means something very different. HIP HIP HOORAY is an expression that doesn't mean much more than "Isn't this great!" But HOSANNA is actually a prayer. It means. "Save me, I pray!" It was a recognition that this Jesus who was in their great city of Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, had the power to save.

At this point people wanted, and believed that Jesus had come to set up the earthly kingdom that we know is coming soon, however Jesus had come this first time to set up His spiritual Kingdom. Jesus was coming to redeem us from the power of satan and give us a new life in Him. Jesus knew that He had to be the sacrificial lamb for us. He knew that He had to take our place in Hell so that we could be with Him in Heaven.

We still believe that Jesus has the power to save, not only from hell, but every evil plan satan has! We not only believe it. We know it. That's why we call Jesus our Savior.

Today is a special joyful day. We remember and celebrate that Jesus has come into our lives to save us. Just like Easter and Christmas, we have set aside a special day to celebrate, however we remember and live in this miracle every day of our life.

Today is Palm Sunday. Today we celebrate the entry of King Jesus into Jerusalem. It was a day that marked the beginning of an incredible week. A week that would see Jesus cheered, then arrested, tried, condemned, and crucified. But as that week came to an end, another week began just as the previous week had begun...with a celebration.

Dear Jesus, our voices join with the voices of the people in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago. Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. In Jesus’ name, amen.

1. What shows if Jesus is our Lord and King.

2. What does the word Hosanna mean?

3. Why is today so special and joyful?