

DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

"HOSANNA TO THE KING"

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Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITTAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)	Lord's Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

THE LORD'S DAY - This week we are going to take a look at several passages of Scripture dealing with the event we call "The Triumphal Entry". This was the time that Jesus Christ came into Jerusalem for the express purpose of giving His life as a sacrifice. We will be looking at several details in this event that took place on what we now refer to as "Palm Sunday". This is one of the few incidents of Jesus' life that can be found in all four gospels. Read **Psalm 118:22-26**. **Verse 26** is the verse where the people shouted praises when Jesus came into town. Those same people, who hailed Him as King, would shout for His crucifixion only a few days later.

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask the Lord to teach you from His Word this week.

MONDAY - You may ask, "How can this event be called "The Triumphal Entry"? "Didn't Jesus end up dying only a few days later?" Yes, He did. I would like to show you some awesome truths that give us, who are sons of the King of Kings, true triumph. If we take a look at history, we can see that genuine monarchs were often brought to power with huge, elaborate coronations. There was great splendor and pageantry involved. There was often a long processional culminating with the King formerly taking power amidst all the music, cheers, and praises of the crowds. Jesus' coronation was very different, yet He was a true King -- The True King! **Read Matthew 21:1-11** and see the unfolding of the entrance of the King of Kings.

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Oh, Lord, help me to fully grasp who You are and Your eternal purpose for coming to this earth.

TUESDAY - From yesterday's text, we find some details of great interest. Notice that Jesus gave directions to the disciples (**Matthew 21:2-3**) that make it clear to us that He was in control of the events taking place. Jesus knew the donkey and her colt would be waiting there; He knew the disciples would be questioned in taking them; and He knew

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they would be given permission (**Mark 11:5-6, Luke 19:33**). It says in **Mark 11:2** and **Luke 19:30** that the colt had never been ridden. It had been saved by God for this moment in time. In **verse 5** a prophecy that had been given by the prophet Zechariah 500 years earlier, is being fulfilled (**Zechariah 9:9**). This King didn't come in on a white stallion; He came in on a donkey--humble, meek, and lowly. This time He wasn't coming to slay His enemies, but to be the sacrifice for sin and the Savior of the world. Thank God for such a Savior as Jesus Christ!

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Dear Lord, I am so grateful to know that You are sovereign and I can follow Your directions without a doubt as to the outcome. Teach me to trust You more, especially in the areas where I tend to doubt.

WEDNESDAY - Matthew 21:8-9 tells us what took place as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. First, the multitude of people began to spread their clothes out on the road before Him so He could ride over them. The spreading of one's garments before a King was an ancient act of homage and great respect (**2 Kings 9:13**). Those people were recognizing Jesus as their King and showing respect for Him, and their submission to His authority, by having Him ride over their clothing. Unfortunately, as we pointed out before, those same people would turn on Jesus and ask for His death a few days later. Are you in submission to the King of Kings? Do you put yourself under His authority? Read **Ephesians 1:18-23** and think about how *all things* have been put "under His feet".

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Lord, help me to lay down my "coat" daily before You and give You the respect and honor You so greatly deserve. You truly are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

THURSDAY - In **Matthew 21:8-9** we find that not only were the people laying down their clothes before Jesus, but they were also cutting down branches from the trees and laying them before Him. In **John 12:13** it says that the branches were from "palm trees". The palm was very significant in that it symbolized salvation and joy, victory and triumph. Cicero, a Roman Statesman (106-43BC), would call someone that had won many prizes "plurimarum palmarum homo", which means "a man of many palms". Those people were waving their palms before the True Victor of all! Jesus Christ was triumphant over death, sin, and Hell so that we who believe could be

triumphant also. Read **Revelation 7:9-12** and find out about another day that palms will be waved before the Lord Jesus Christ.

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: I look forward, Jesus, to the day I will be able to wave palms toward You because You and You alone are worthy of all praise and worship forever.

FRIDAY - In **Matthew 21:9** it says that there were multitudes of people around Jesus, in front and in back, surrounding Him on every side. This "mob" of people began to cry out, "Hosanna..." Hosanna is a Hebrew word that means "save now". It is an exclamation--"Oh, save!" They cried out to Jesus to save them. Unfortunately, they were not asking Him to save their souls, but rather to save their nation from Rome and all others. Jesus didn't come to conquer Rome, He came to conquer sin and death. Actually, the people were quoting from a praise Psalm from the Hallel (**Psalm 113-118**). More than 100 years earlier, the Jews had hailed Jonathan Maccabeus with this same Psalm after he delivered them from Syrian domination. My prayer is that you've cried out from your soul to Christ Jesus--"Save Now!" Read **Psalm 119:145-147**.

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Oh, Lord, thank You for making it possible for me to be "saved" from sin, death, and eternal punishment for which I so greatly deserve!

SATURDAY - Read **Matthew 21:10-11** and finish up this week with the same question the people from Jerusalem asked -- "Who is this?" Are you kidding?? This was Jerusalem, the Holy City, and yet they didn't know the Holy One! I want you to ponder that question. Who is this King of Glory? Who is He to you? Are you like those in the city who didn't know Jesus even though they were in His very presence? Read **Psalm 24:8-10**. For a look at the future entry of the King read **Isaiah 63:1-19**. Get a glimpse of the Messiah in judgment and salvation.

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Lord, I know I will not fully understand the magnitude of who You are until I see You face to face in all Your glory, but, while I am waiting, please increase my love and knowledge of You so that I can better share it with my fellow believers and those who are lost.