

TAKING WORSHIP INTO YOUR WEEK



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This is the first day of the week we call “Holy,” for it is a week set apart from all others of the year. On the first day of this week, our Savior rode into Jerusalem to cries of “hosanna!” and on the last day, was lying dead in a tomb. This is the week that makes all the difference in the world – for all the world – for he who was dead is dead no more!

1. What parade that you have seen, or perhaps been a part of yourself, is the most memorable for you? Why is it so?
2. Read Mt. 21:1-11. Consult your study Bible note for 21:2 to remember/realize the meaning behind Jesus choosing to enter the city riding a donkey.
3. See 2 Kings 9:13 to learn the significance of spreading one’s cloak on the rode for the donkey to tread upon.
4. See Ps. 118:25-26; is “hosanna” another way of saying “alleluia,” or “praise the Lord?” What does it mean?
5. To understand how the cries of “hosanna!” turned into cries of “crucify him!” only days later, read an article of your choice; go [here](#).

Lord Jesus, just as you arrived into Jerusalem to shouts of “hosanna!” on that first Palm Sunday, we welcome your arrival into our hearts again, and echo the shout, “hosanna! Save now!” With palms and praise we celebrate your arrival. Amen.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”[a]

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna[b] to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”[c] “Hosanna[d] in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

