

# HOSANNA!

April 5, 2020 Matthew 21:1-11

**When do we cry “Hosanna?”** Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday Jesus staged his own coronation. Jesus is King! Jesus is Lord! Jesus is the Messiah! What does Hosanna mean?

## **1. What did hosanna mean?**

- It comes from two Hebrew words, “yasha” to save or deliver and “anna” I beg you. “Please save me or please deliver me.” 911.
- It is a **desperate cry** like shouting “help me.” Do you need help? Why do you need help? You cry out for help but you can’t help yourself.
- **We can’t save ourselves.** Amen? Romans 3:23, 6:23 We need a Savior!
- Why did the crowds shout “Hosanna in the highest?” Because they wanted God to deliver them from Rome. Like Acts 1:6
- **Hosanna is a cry for freedom.** John 8:32-36
- The word Hosanna originally comes from Psalm 118:25-26. “Save us, we pray O Lord!...Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.” ESV
- When God does save or deliver you, what do you want to do?

## 2. Shout hosanna in worship!

- Hosanna came to mean a word of praise that salvation has come.
- John Piper wrote that Hosanna came to mean, **“Hooray for salvation! It’s coming! It’s here! Salvation! Salvation!”**
- What is your salvation story (past)? How has God recently delivered you? What do you think will be the end of your salvation story? Philippians 1:21, I Corinthians 2:9
- **When you know the Redeemer you don’t need to be afraid!**
- What happened when Jesus rode into Jerusalem? Matthew 21:10 “The whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”
- **Then what?** Jesus cleansed the temple saying, “My house will be called a house of prayer but you have made it a den of robbers.” Ask God to purify your heart!
- **“The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.”** Jesus came to set us free.
- The children were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” The religious leaders had a fit. “Do you hear what these children are saying?” 21:16 How does Jesus answer?