

Series: The Psalms of Holy Week

Text: Psalm 118:1-29

**Main Idea: Lift up your voice, the Lord Saves.**

Title/Hook: Christianese

Date: 3/24/24

Purpose: To exhort God's people to thank and praise the Lord Jesus because He has saved us and shows us steadfast love. To invite non-believers to repent and believe in Jesus and be saved.

FCF/COR:

Christ Trajectory: The crowds yelled verse 25-26 as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. He is the stone that the builders rejected in verse 22-23, but who has become the cornerstone for all who believe, the Church. Jesus is worthy of thanks and praise because He has become our salvation.

Apologetic: Jesus brings and offers salvation, will you reject Him or receive Him?

Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-5

Benediction: Titus 3:4-7

Structure: Inductive

### **Main Idea:**

Subject (What is the passage about?): Why is the Psalmist thanking and praising the Lord?

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): Because of the Lord's salvation and steadfast love.

Exegetical Main Idea: The Psalmist is thanking and praising the Lord because of the Lord's salvation and steadfast love.

Theological Main Idea: God is worthy of thanks and praise because He saves His people and shows them steadfast love.

Homiletical Main Idea: Lift up your voice, the Lord saves.

Outline:

## **Video - Christianese**

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### **1. God loves (vv. 1-4, 29)**

**Quote - Carolyn James** - “Hesed is driven, not by duty or legal obligation, but by a bone deep commitment - a loyal, selfless love that motivates a person to do voluntarily what no one has a right to expect or ask of them...they willingly pour themselves out for the good of someone else.”

**Quote - Martin Luther** - As a monk I led an irreproachable life. Nevertheless, I felt that I was a sinner before God. My conscience was restless, and I could not depend on God being propitiated by my satisfactions [good works]. Not only did I not love, but I actually hated the righteous God who punishes sinners...”

### **2. God saves (vv. 5-18, 25-26)**

**v. 5** - “the Lord answered me and set me free.”

**v. 7** - “The Lord is on my side as my helper”

**vv. 10-12** - “in the name of the Lord I cut them off!”

**v. 13** - “the Lord helped me”

**v. 14** - ”he has become my salvation.”

**vv. 15-16** - “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly”

**v. 18** - “he has not given me over to death”

Picture - “Jesus Saves” sign

**John 12:12-13** - <sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

**Luke 19:39-40** - <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

**Matthew 26:26-28** - <sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins

**Matthew 21:42-44** - <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“ ‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

### **3. God’s people praise (vv. 19-24, 27-29)**

**Quote - Charles Spurgeon** - “When strength is imparted and salvation is realized then the song is clear and full.”

**vv. 14-15** - “The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous”

**v. 21** - “I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.”

**v. 24** - “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

**v. 29** - “Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.”

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