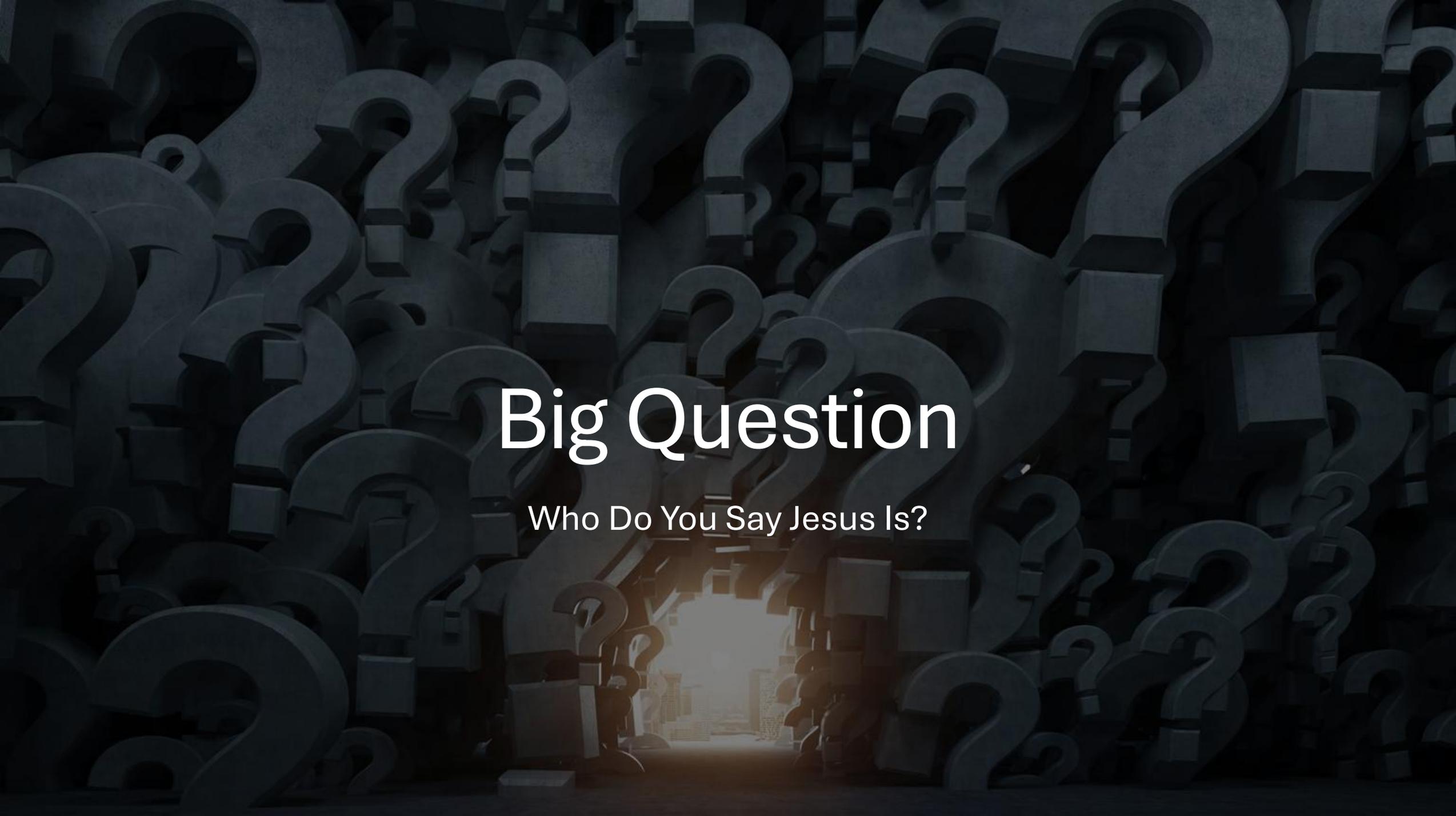


A photograph of a large, circular stone rolled away from a tomb entrance, set against a background of ancient stone masonry. The stone is positioned on the left side of the frame, partially obscuring the entrance. The entrance itself is a dark, rectangular opening in the stone wall. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the stone showing signs of weathering and age.

# Look Again

Worship

John 12:12-19



# Big Question

Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

# Connect to Baptist Ordinance of Baptism

celebrating the simple depths of  
baptism

- Why does baptism happen publicly?

- Worship is public allegiance.



# Read the Text - John 12: 12-19 (CEV)

- **Jesus Enters Jerusalem (*Matthew 21.1-11; Mark 11.1-11; Luke 19.28-40*)**
- 12The next day a large crowd was in Jerusalem for Passover. When they heard that Jesus was coming for the festival,  
13 they took palm branches and went out to greet him. They shouted,“ Hooray! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the King of Israel!”  
14Jesus found a donkey and rode on it, just as the Scriptures say,  
15 “People of Jerusalem, don't be afraid! Your King is now coming, and he is riding on a donkey.”

# Read the Text - John 12: 12-19 (CEV)

16 At first, Jesus' disciples did not understand. But after he had been given his glory, they remembered all this. Everything had happened exactly as the Scriptures said it would.

17-18 A crowd had come to meet Jesus because they had seen him call Lazarus out of the tomb. They kept talking about him and this miracle.

19 But the Pharisees said to each other, "There is nothing we can do! Everyone in the world is following Jesus."

# Read the Text - John 12: 12-19 (NIV)

## **Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King**

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, **“Hosanna!”** “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”  
“Blessed is the **King of Israel!**”

14 Jesus found a **young donkey** and sat on it, as it is written:

15 “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”

# Read the Text - John 12: 12-19 (NIV)

16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word.

18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him.

19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how **the whole world has gone after him!**”

# Observation: What Do You Notice?

- Who is in this passage?
- What are they doing?
- What feels important?
- What seems unusual?



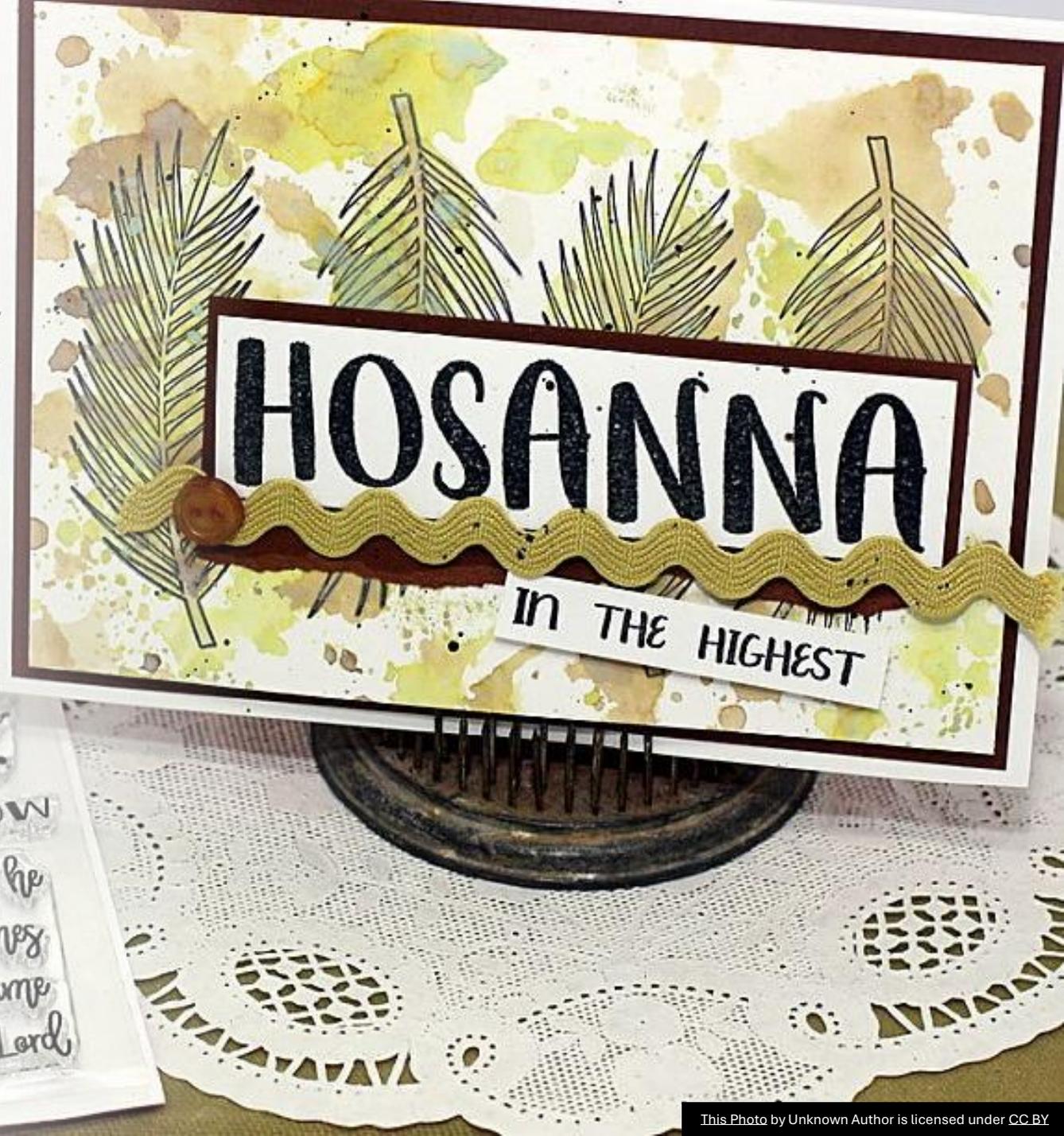
# Why is Jerusalem So Crowded?

- Passover
  - Celebration of freedom from Egypt
  - Blood of a lamb
  - Judgment “passed over”
  - Remembering deliverance



# What Does “Hosanna” Mean?

- Hosanna = “Save Us Now!”
  - They wanted political rescue.
  - Jesus came to bring spiritual rescue.
- Discussion prompt:
  - Have you ever wanted Jesus to fix something your way?



# A Different Kind of King

- Why the Donkey?
  - War King = Horse
  - Peace King = Donkey
- Zechariah 9:9
- Jesus is King, just not the kind they expected.



# Two Responses

## **Worshippers**

- Public
- Passionate
- Expectant

## **Pharisees**

- Watching
- Threatened
- Resistant

Verse 19: “Look, the world has gone after him.”

# Nothing Has Changed

## **Then**

- Some worshipped
- Some rejected

## **Now**

- Some worship
- Some reject

**Which one are you?**

# What is Worship

- Not just singing.
- Not just emotion.
- Not just church attendance.

**Worship is surrender to the true King.**

*Surrender*

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# Personal Reflection

- If you were in that crowd--what would you have done?
- What are you doing with Jesus right now?

