

Palm Sunday

My Place in the Crowd Elisha Hale

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Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

Luke 9:18 NIV

When He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken. **Matthew 21:10a HCSB**

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Matthew 21:8-9 NIV

In the Crowd . . .

1. The Pharisees saw someone they <u>didn't</u> <u>need</u>.

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" **Luke 19:39 NIV**

We are disciples of Moses! John 9:28b NLT

They shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. John 19:15 NIV

2. The Disciples saw their own agenda.

Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Matthew 26:33,35 NIV

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Matthew 26:50b-52a,56b NIV

3. The Thief saw <u>the King</u> and <u>his</u> <u>Kingdom</u>.

We are punished justly, for we are receiving what our actions deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!" Luke 23:41-42 BSB

Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43 NLT

He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 NIV