

SERMON OUTLINE FOR DIGITAL DOWNLOAD

Lesson Sixteen: Hosanna? Let's Talk About It

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Text: Mark 11:1–11

INTRODUCTION

Opening Scripture: Mark 11:9–10

“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Opening Thought

Before Jesus entered Jerusalem, Bartimaeus publicly declared His royal identity as the Son of David.

Key Thought

Bartimaeus cried for mercy.

The crowd cried for national deliverance.

Both recognized the King, but they approached Him with different expectations.

WHAT DOES HOSANNA MEAN?

Hebrew Expression: Hoshi'ah Na

Meaning:

- Save now
- Please save
- Bring salvation

Scripture: Psalm 118:25–26

Key Thought

The crowd was publicly identifying Jesus as Israel's promised Deliverer and King.

THE PUBLIC DECLARATION OF A KING

Scripture: Mark 11:8

The people spread garments and branches along the road.

Key Thought

Spreading garments before Jesus was an act of submission, honor, and royal recognition.

Their Actions Declared

“Jesus is our King.”

THE KING ON A COLT

Scripture: Mark 11:1–2

Jesus intentionally chose a colt that had never been ridden.

Scripture: Zechariah 9:9

“Behold, your King is coming to you...”

The Prophecy Revealed

- He is the promised King
- He is righteous
- He brings salvation
- He comes in humility
- He comes in peace

Key Thought

Jesus was King, but not the kind of king many expected.

THE CHARACTER OF HIS KINGDOM**A Military King**

Would enter on a warhorse.

Jesus

Entered on a colt.

Key Thought

The colt revealed that His Kingdom would not first advance through military conquest, but through humility, sacrifice, and peace.

THE PEOPLE MISUNDERSTOOD THE VICTORY**They Expected**

- Political liberation
- The overthrow of Rome
- National restoration
- Immediate visible rule

Jesus Came First To Defeat

- Sin
- Satan
- Condemnation
- Death

Key Thought

Rome was a real oppressor, but Rome was not humanity's deepest problem.

Kingdom Principle

The cross addressed the root.

THE SUFFERING SAVIOR AND REIGNING KING

Two Dimensions of the Messiah's Mission

Messiah Ben Joseph

The suffering Savior.

Messiah Ben David

The reigning Davidic King.

Key Thought

Jesus is both:

- Lamb and Lion
- Servant and Sovereign
- Crucified Messiah and enthroned King

SALVATION ON GOD'S TERMS

Key Thought

The people wanted salvation, but they wanted it according to their expectations.

Kingdom Principle

We often welcome Jesus enthusiastically as long as He appears to be moving in the direction we have chosen.

HOSANNA: SAVE ME FROM MYSELF

1. WE WANT SALVATION WITHOUT SURRENDER

Key Thought

We want Jesus to rescue us without ruling us.

Scripture: Luke 6:46

"Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

Kingdom Principle

We cannot receive the salvation of the King while rejecting the government of the King.

2. WE WANT DELIVERANCE FROM CONSEQUENCES, NOT SIN

Key Thought

We often want God to remove painful consequences while protecting the patterns that created them.

Scripture: Matthew 1:21

"He will save His people from their sins."

Kingdom Principle

Jesus does not merely treat symptoms. He confronts the root.

3. WE WANT JESUS TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY AROUND US BEFORE CONFRONTING THE ENEMY WITHIN US

Key Thought

We easily identify opposition around us while ignoring:

- Pride
- Unforgiveness
- Fear
- Envy
- Selfish ambition
- Rebellion

Scripture: Psalm 139:23–24

“Search me, O God...”

4. WE WANT JESUS TO FULFILL OUR PLANS

Key Thought

Prayer can become an attempt to recruit God into plans He did not author.

Scripture: Luke 22:42

“Not My will, but Yours, be done.”

Kingdom Principle

Jesus is not an addition to our plans. He is Lord over them.

5. WE WANT IMMEDIATE VICTORY

Key Thought

God often leads us through a process before bringing us into the promise.

Biblical Examples

- Joseph: dream, then pit
- David: anointing, then wilderness
- Abraham: promise, then waiting
- Israel: deliverance, then wilderness

Kingdom Principle

God prepares us to carry what He promised.

6. WE WANT THE CROWN WITHOUT THE CROSS

Key Thought

We often desire:

- Influence without formation

- Authority without accountability
- Anointing without crushing
- Resurrection without suffering

Scripture: Matthew 16:24

“Deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.”

Kingdom Principle

We cannot follow a crucified Savior while insisting on a crossless life.

7. WE PRAISE WHEN HIS WORD BENEFITS US

Key Thought

We enjoy the Word when it comforts us but often resist it when it corrects us.

Mature Disciples Receive

- Encouragement
- Correction
- Conviction
- Training
- Transformation

8. WE WANT VINDICATION BEFORE MATURITY

Key Thought

God may be more concerned with what the offense is producing in us than how quickly He deals with the offender.

He May Be Developing

- Restraint
- Forgiveness
- Security
- Patience
- Trust

Kingdom Principle

Vindication without maturity can produce pride.

9. WE WANT ANSWERS MORE THAN GOD

Key Thought

The deepest gift of salvation is not merely that God fixes our lives. It is that He gives us Himself.

Scripture: Exodus 33:15

“If Your Presence does not go with us...”

10. WE WANT FAITH TO GUARANTEE OUR PREFERRED OUTCOME

Key Thought

Biblical faith does not control God.
It entrusts itself to God.

Scripture: Daniel 3:17–18

“Our God is able... but if not...”

Mature Faith Says

- God is able
- We ask boldly
- We believe sincerely
- We remain surrendered

11. WE WANT A KINGDOM THAT ADVANCES OUR PREFERENCES**Key Thought**

God’s Kingdom is built upon:

- Righteousness
- Truth
- Justice
- Mercy
- Holiness
- Obedience

Kingdom Principle

The Kingdom does not preserve every preference. It brings everything under God’s rule.

12. WE WANT JESUS TO BLESS OUR IMAGE**Key Thought**

Public praise is not always evidence of private surrender.

Scripture: Matthew 15:8

“They honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.”

Kingdom Principle

Jesus did not come merely to improve our public presentation. He came to transform the heart.

13. WE WANT RESCUE MORE THAN REPENTANCE**Scripture: Mark 1:15**

“Repent, and believe the gospel.”

Key Thought

Repentance is not punishment.
It is the doorway into freedom.

14. WE WANT JESUS CLOSE ENOUGH TO HELP BUT NOT EXAMINE

Key Thought

The King does not merely enter the city.
He inspects the temple.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:16

“You are the temple of God.”

When Jesus Enters, He

- Examines motives
- Reorders priorities
- Overturns tables
- Removes what occupies His space

15. WE ABANDON JESUS OVER EXPECTATIONS HE NEVER PROMISED

He Never Promised

- A life without suffering
- Immediate visible success
- Universal approval
- An easy road

He Promised

- His presence
- Sufficient grace
- Eternal life
- Purpose through every season
- A Kingdom that will prevail

THE DANGER OF MISUNDERSTOOD EXPECTATIONS

Key Thought

The same city that cried, “Hosanna,” would soon participate in the cry, “Crucify Him.”

Kingdom Principle

Disappointment can turn praise into rejection when Jesus does not fulfill expectations He never promised to meet.

APPLICATION

Questions to Consider

- Do I want Jesus to rescue me, or am I willing for Him to rule me?
- Have I confused God’s promises with my preferred outcome?
- Do I only receive the Word when it comforts me?
- Am I protecting the pattern that produced my pain?
- Do I want the crown while avoiding the cross?
- Can I still call Him good when I do not understand His ways?

CLOSING THOUGHT: HOSANNA

Key Thought

We often cry, “Hosanna,” because we want Jesus to save us from what troubles us. Jesus comes to save us from what rules us.

Hosanna Is Not

“Jesus, endorse my plan.”

Hosanna Is

“Jesus, save me completely.”

Save me from:

- Sin
- Self-rule
- False expectations
- Shallow faith
- Outcome-dependent worship
- The need to control Your methods

FINAL STATEMENT

The answer is not to stop crying, “Hosanna.”

The answer is to understand what our cry truly means:

Jesus, save me completely and establish Your Kingdom in me.