

**21** When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> telling them, “Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once.”

<sup>4</sup> This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: <sup>5</sup> **Tell Daughter Zion, “See, your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”**

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. <sup>9</sup> Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted: **Hosanna** to the Son of David!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna** in the highest heaven!

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus went into the temple and threw out all those buying and selling. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “It is written, **my house will be called a house of prayer**, but you are making it **a den of thieves!**”

<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonders that he did and the children shouting in the temple,” **Hosanna** to the Son of David!” they were

indignant <sup>16</sup> and said to him, “Do you hear what these children are saying?”

Jesus replied, “Yes, have you never read: **You have prepared praise from the mouths of infants and nursing babies?**”

<sup>17</sup> Then he left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

People are asking a lot of questions like, “How long will this last?” “When do we go back to the way it was?” “What if I get sick?” “How are you doing?” “Do you need anything?” Questions lead us to get to answers, decisions and actions.

#### **Who is this? (vs. 10)**

Hosanna means “save us!” It was a desperate cry for help. It was a strictly liturgical formula.

Their lives were in crisis and they would grasp for anything or anyone that might bring relief. Remember this: crisis either repels or attracts us to God. It never leaves us the same.

#### **Do you hear what these children are saying? (vs. 16)**

They looked great on the outside while the inside was corrupt and full of death.

#### **Does your life (temple) need cleaning? (12-13)**

Emotions are God-given and sin-neutral. See Luke 19; Jesus is curt (40), weeps and wails (41), and expresses anger (45).

Control your emotions, don't let your emotions control you.

God no longer dwells in a building. He dwells in a body, your body. See I Cor. 6:19; II Cor. 6:16, Eph. 2:20-21, I Peter 2:5.