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True Equity and the Greatest Love / John 12:12–19

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#### Notes

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**Hosanna** - Save us, please!; it was an exclamation of praise, implying rulership[1]

This word is usually seen as a transliteration of the Hebrew expression *hôšî-‘â (-n)nā’*, which is a cry for help (Ps. 118:25), which with the Hallel Psalms (113–118)[2]

**Blessed** – eulogeo, to be or become subject to invoked divine favor

**Glorified** – become positively acknowledged, recognized, esteemed for one's character, nature, or attributes.

**Called** – cry out loudly, as a crow would do, with emphasis

**Sign** – a marvelous event manifesting a supernatural act of a divine agent; often with an emphasis on communicating a message.

**Gone after** – both literally and metaphorically, they went out to/with and in like manner followed

[1]James Swanson, *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek (New Testament)*(Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997).

[2]Gerhard Kittel, Gerhard Friedrich, and Geoffrey William Bromiley, *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, Abridged in One Volume* (Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans, 1985), 1356.

The population of Jerusalem swelled enormously at Passover time. Josephus, a first-century Jewish writer, says that when a count was taken on one occasion the numbers present for Passover reached 2,700,000, a figure hard to believe, given the size of first-century Jerusalem. (63) Certainly, vast numbers of people came to Jerusalem for this festival.[1]

- 63 Josephus, *Jewish War* vi.422–425: 'That the city could contain so many is clear

from the count taken under Cestius. For he, being anxious to convince Nero, who held the nation in contempt, of the city's strength, instructed the chief priests, if by any means possible, to take a census of the population. Accordingly, on the occasion of the feast called Passover, at which they sacrifice from the ninth (3 p.m.) to the eleventh hour (5 p.m.), and a little fraternity, as it were, gathers round each sacrifice, of not fewer than ten persons (feasting alone not being permitted), while the companies often included as many as twenty, the victims were counted and amounted to two hundred and fifty-five thousand six hundred; allowing an average of ten diners to each victim, we obtain a total of two million seven hundred thousand, all pure and holy.'

[1]Colin G. Kruse, *John: An Introduction and Commentary*, vol. 4, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003), 261.

## Jesus is your King, the only one who can save you, and is therefore, worthy of all blessing (John 12:12-13)

- they had palm branches for celebratory waving as they entered Jerusalem for the Passover and then for the building of "tents" in which to shelter themselves from the cold at night. They laid them down in the dirt for Jesus (on the colt/donkey) to ride over.
- They shouted "Hosanna," Save us, please!; it was an exclamation of praise, implying rulership[1] and "Blessed," *eulogeō*, to be or become subject to invoked divine favor (c.f., Psalm 118:25–26 "25 O Lord, do save, we beseech You; O Lord, we beseech You, do send prosperity! 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.").
- Jesus came in the name of the LORD
- Jesus is King of Israel, but He is also your King

## Jesus the King approaches you humbly and is offered for recognition as your promised and glorious Savior (John 12:14-16)

- “Fear not” Jesus came to save (c.f., John 20:31 “31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.” )
- Jesus came humbly, riding on a colt of a donkey, to save His people, a tender King, as prophesied in Zechariah 9:9 “9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
- Seeing the glorified Jesus later, the disciples positively acknowledged, recognized, esteemed Him for His full character, nature, or attributes. Seeing Jesus in such a way, brought them understanding of why He came and offered Himself the way He did and as was prophesied.

Jesus’ great works, sacrifice, and resurrecting power is yours to accept and proclaim so that crowds will hear, knowing that God has a purpose in those who listen and those who don’t (John 12:17-19)

- Those who saw Jesus’ power and authority over Lazarus being raised, continued to testify to others. Because they did, many others came and joined them.
- Many accepted and were added to the spreading testimony of Jesus’ great power
- Those who reject Jesus will take note of this spreading testimony
- Make no mistake, those who reject Jesus:
  - Absolutely fear Him
  - Absolutely fear your accepting Him
  - Will desperately do whatever it takes to stop Him and you
  - Are powerless against the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ

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