

HOSANNA

Zechariah 9:9-12

Sunday April 14, 2019

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. — Zechariah 9:9, NIV

Can you hear them? Men and women singing and shouting, children laughing with pure delight! Can you just imagine the crowds gathering around Jesus with joy? What a wondrous sight! The disciples have brought Jesus a donkey and its colt – never been ridden, mind you – and placed their garments on them. Jesus rides the colt gently, humbly down the hill toward Jerusalem. As the crowds surround Jesus they make the path – spreading their garments, gathering tree boughs to lay down, and rejoicing. Hosanna! Save us now!

The people are enthusiastic and excited! Here is Jesus, the man who brought Lazarus back from death! Jesus, who performs miracles! The people give Jesus their admiration and praise, their trust for salvation. The prophecies of Zechariah are now fulfilled. This is a powerful moment of light before the dark days ahead.

Some moments in life are just meant for rejoicing. This was the time for Jesus to openly present Himself as the Messiah. There was no longer the need for political caution; the time was upon Him. He came in the midst of the Passover multitudes, on the way to Jerusalem, bringing Love and Peace. How thankful we are. Love. Peace. Hosanna!

We know the sorrow and suffering that Jesus was to face in the coming days, but we also believe in the Resurrection that follows. We rejoice with faithful confidence that Jesus is indeed our Savior. How we love Him for bringing us Love and Peace and life everlasting. On Palm Sunday let us rejoice like never before. Let us sing, shout, and delight in praising our Messiah. Let our hearts be full, even overflowing with God's amazing love.

Prayer: Dear Lord and Father, we joyfully praise you!! We join together, thanking you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. We ask your blessing as we share with others your message of Love, Peace, and life eternal. In the name of Him who gently came on a colt, Amen.

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