



Series: Guest Speaker

Passage: Matt 21:1-11

Title: Hosanna, a Deep Longing for Deliverance

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Discussion Starter – Hosanna means “save now”. What is root desire behind the people who cry Hosanna? What do you think the people wanted to be delivered from? How do you think this applies to us as Christians? Is there anything you still feel you want to be delivered from?

- 1) **Read Genesis 2:16 and 3:14-19.** What was God’s single forbiddance to Adam at creation? What was the penalty for disobeying this restriction?
- 2) Who and what are affected by this penalty? What are some of the consequences?
 - a) Do you think Eve could have ever imagined the far-reaching consequences that her sin would have? What are some things you can remember in your own life where the ripple effects of sin had gone much farther then you could have imagined at the time?
 - b) Do you think we can ever “un-ring” the bell of sin? Do you have hope that sin and its ripple effects can be overcome? Explain how.
- 3) What promise was given to Adam and Eve, even as the curse was being pronounced? What effect did this promise have on mankind from that time until today?
- 4) **Read Genesis 12:1-2, 15:1-21, and 17:1-8.** How did God more closely define, refine, and clarify His promise to Abraham?
- 5) **Read Psalm 118:22-26.** How does this passage reflect the deep longing for deliverance that exists in the hearts of God’s people?
 - c) Do you think this a timeless and universal cry from God’s people? What deliverance do you long for God to provide you?
- 6) **Read Matt 21:1-11.** What deliverance were the people seeking in this cry, “save now”? How did this match up with what God providing in His plan of redemption?
- 7) What is meant by the expression “already/ not yet” when applied to the kingdom of God? How does it apply to Matt 21:1-11?
- 8) **Read Acts 3:17-21 and Romans 8:20.** What do people turn to as substitutes for the promised deliverance while living in this “not yet” period?
 - d) What is apparent in your life that demonstrates your faith that King Jesus has provided deliverance, even though *we do not yet see all things put under Him. (Heb2:8)?*
 - e) How is this prayer, (save now), continued today in nature? In the church? In all of mankind? How will King Jesus answer these prayers?
 - f) What is our duty, as children of God, to affirm to others that God is answering this deep longing for deliverance?
 - g) Who do you know who is seeking meaning in this broken world? How can you point him/her to the promise and work of Jesus?