



Series: Palm Sunday

Sermon: Praise Him or Crucify Him?

Date: Sunday, March 24th, 2024

All of Us Have a _____ To Make:

- a. Can we hold onto, praise, and trust in God even when things don't turn out the way we expected?
- b. Or is our praise and trust in God dependent on how things turn out in our life?

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" (Matthew 21:1-5)

The Triumphal Entry

"It was indeed the triumph of humility over pride and worldly grandeur; of poverty over affluence; and of meekness and gentleness over rage and malice." (Adam Clarke, Theologian)

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest Heaven!" (Matthew 21:6-9)

Hosanna: a Hebrew expression meaning "_____!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!" "I tell you," He replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." As He [Jesus] approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you." (Luke 19:39-44)



Scripture referenced in sermon: Luke 23:13-25

People went from “Oh praise Him!” to “Crucify Him!”

The crowd’s allegiance to Jesus was _____ upon Him fulfilling their own political agenda.

The real test of our allegiance to God is if things don’t turn out the way that we want, can we still praise and trust Him?

1. Are we really trusting God for our salvation? If we are, can we really trust Him for all the details of our lives?
2. Are we using God so that we can be the god and master of our own lives?

It reveals whether God is our _____ or if He is just a resource in our lives.

Bottom Line: All of Us Have a Decision To Make: *Can we hold onto, praise, and trust in God even when things don’t turn out the way we expected? Or is our praise and trust in God dependent on how things turn out in our life?*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. *When things don’t turn out the way that you expect, is your first inclination to draw nearer to God in trust or to go further away from Him?*
2. *Based on your response to the first question, what does this reveal about where you are actually at with God?*
3. *What situation are you currently facing whereby your trust in God and praise for Him is dependent on getting what you want?*
4. *How may God be inviting you in this season to surrender your will and plans to His will and plans? What would surrender of your plans practically look like for you?*

Songs used in service: *Trust In God (Elevation Worship), Hosanna (Hillsong), So Will I [100 Billion X] (Benjamin William Hastings), You’ve Already Won (Shane & Shane)*

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Any prayer requests?

Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?