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# How Wonderful Hymn 223



# I Will Sing Hymn 228



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# Praise and Prayer Request

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***We would love to pray for God's will to be done  
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and  
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

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# Call to Worship

**Psalm 47:1-8**

**Psalm 47:1-8** To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

# To God Be the Glory

## Hymn 363



# Joyful, Joyful

## Hymn 377



# Receiving of the Offering

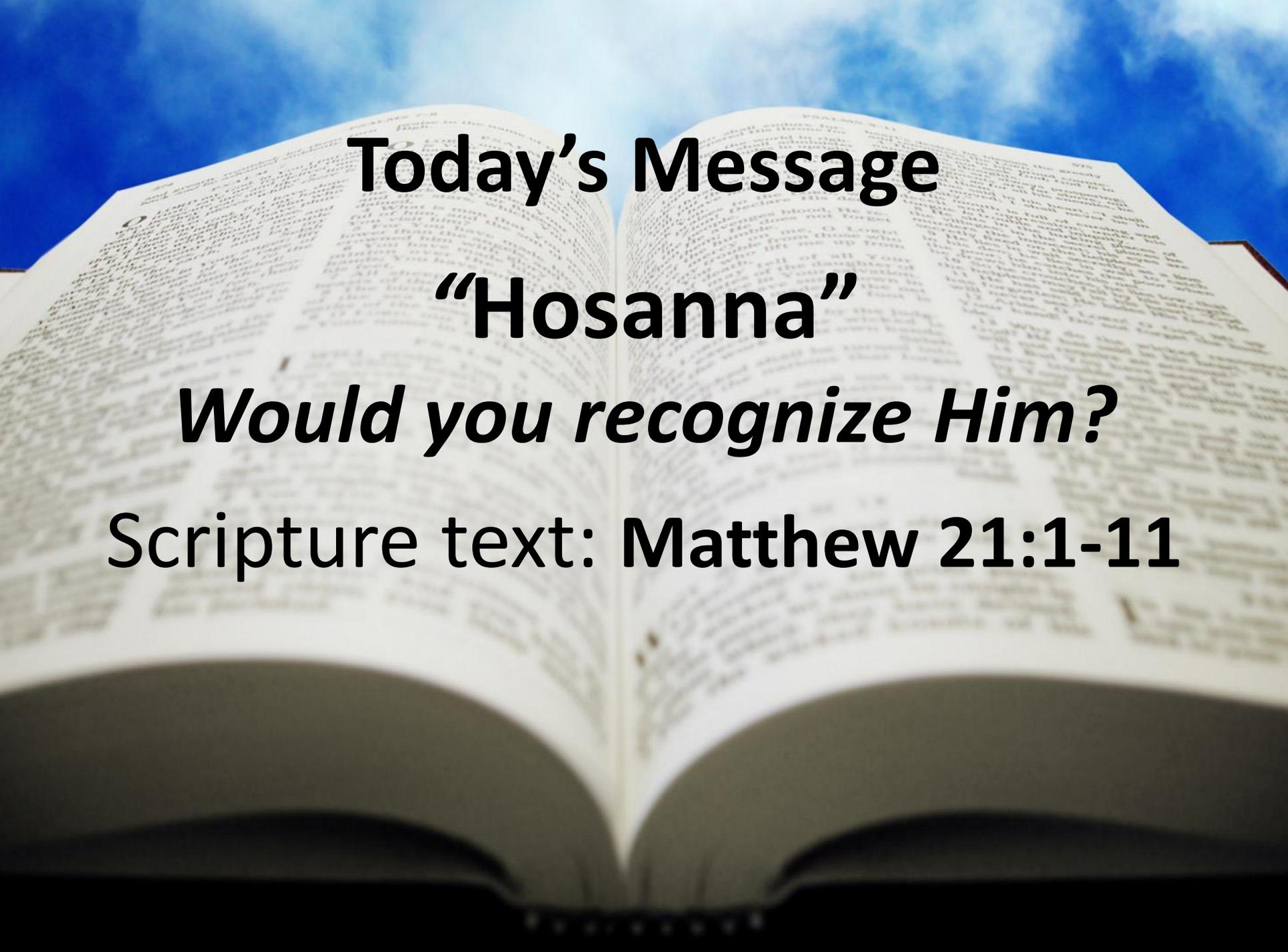


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# ***Famous Quote:***

*“The reason why many fail in battle is because they wait until the hour of battle. The reason why others succeed is because they have gained their victory on their knees long before the battle came ... Anticipate your battles; fight them on your knees before temptation comes, and you will always have victory.”*

**R. A. TORREY**

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**Today's Message**

**“Hosanna”**

***Would you recognize Him?***

**Scripture text: Matthew 21:1-11**

## **THE KING'S JUDGMENTS - Matthew 21:1–22:14**

This is the fourth major section of Matthew's Gospel, **"The Rejection of the King."** In this section (Matt. 21:1–22:14), the **Lord Jesus revealed the sins of Israel and explained why the religious leaders rejected Him and His message.**

### **Spiritual Blindness (Matt. 21:1–11)**

Since it was Passover, there were probably about 2 million people in and around Jerusalem. **This was the only time in His ministry that Jesus actually planned and promoted a public demonstration.** Up to this time, He had cautioned people not to tell who He was, and He had deliberately avoided public scenes.

Why did Jesus plan this demonstration? For one thing, **He was obeying the Word and fulfilling the prophecy recorded in Zechariah 9:9.** This prophecy could apply only to Jesus Christ, for He is the only One with credentials that prove He is Israel's King. We usually do not associate the lowly donkey with kingship, but this was the royal animal of Jewish monarchs (1 Kings 2:32ff). There were actually two animals involved, the mother and the colt (foal). Jesus sat on the colt with the mother walking beside.

By comparing Matthew's quotation with the original prophecy in Zechariah, we discover some interesting facts.

Zechariah's prophecy opens with, "Rejoice greatly" but Matthew omitted this phrase. When Jesus approached the city, **He wept!** How could He (or the people) rejoice **when judgment was coming?**

Mathew also omitted "He is just, and having salvation." **Our Lord's coming to Jerusalem was an act of mercy and grace, not an act of justice or judgment.** He did have salvation for them, **but they refused to accept it (John 1:11).**

**John 1:11** He came to his own, and **his own people did not receive him.**

The next time Israel sees the King, He will ride in great power and glory (Rev. 19:11ff).

**Revelation 19:11-14** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! **The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.** His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and **the name by which he is called is The Word of God.** And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, **white and pure, were following him on white horses.**

This colt had never been ridden (Mark 11:2), yet he meekly bore his burden. The presence of the mother helped, of course. **But keep in mind that his rider was the King who has “dominion over ... all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field” (Ps. 8:6–7). The fact that Jesus rode this beast and kept him in control is another evidence of His kingship.**

**Psalm 8:6-7** You have given him **dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet**, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**There was a second reason for this public presentation:**

**It forced the Jewish leaders to act.** When they saw the spontaneous demonstration of the people, **they concluded that Jesus had to be destroyed** (see John 12:19). The prophetic Scriptures required that the Lamb of God be crucified on Passover. **This demonstration of Christ's popularity incited the rulers to act.**

John 12:19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. **Look, the world has gone after him.**"

**The people acclaimed Jesus as their King both by their words and their deeds.**

They shouted Hosanna which means, “**Save now!**” They were quoting from Psalm 118:25–26, and this psalm is definitely messianic in character. Later that week, Jesus Himself would refer to this psalm and apply it to Himself (Ps. 118:22–23; Matt. 21:42).

**Psalm 118:25-26 Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

**Psalm 118:21-24** I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.** This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Matthew 21:42** Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: **'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'**?"

Keep in mind that this **Passover crowd was composed of at least three groups**: the **Jews** who lived in Jerusalem, the **crowd from Galilee**, and the **people who saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead** (John 12:17–18). Sharing the news of this miracle undoubtedly helped to draw such a large crowd. The people wanted to see this miracle-worker for themselves.

**John 12:17-18** The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead **continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.**

**But the Jews still did not recognize Jesus as their King.**

**What caused Israel's spiritual blindness?**

**For one thing, their religious leaders had robbed them of the truth of their own Word and had substituted man-made traditions.**

**Luke 11:52 Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."**

**Hosea 4:6-7** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. The more they increased, the more they sinned against me; I will change their glory into shame.

**The leaders were not interested in truth;** they were concerned only with protecting their own interests (John 11:47–53).

**John 11:47-52** So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "**What are we to do?** For this man performs many signs. **If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.**" But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand **that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.**" He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied **that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.**

**“We have no king but Caesar!”** was their confession of **willful blindness**. Even our Lord’s miracles did not convince them. And **the longer they resisted the truth, the blinder they became** (John 12:35ff).

**Mark 8:34-37** And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, **“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me**. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but **whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it**. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? **For what can a man give in return for his soul?**

# His Name is Wonderful

## Hymn 230

