

**Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church
We're glad you're here!**



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Call to Worship

Psalm 47

Psalm 47 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. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!



Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

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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!***

Receiving of the Offering

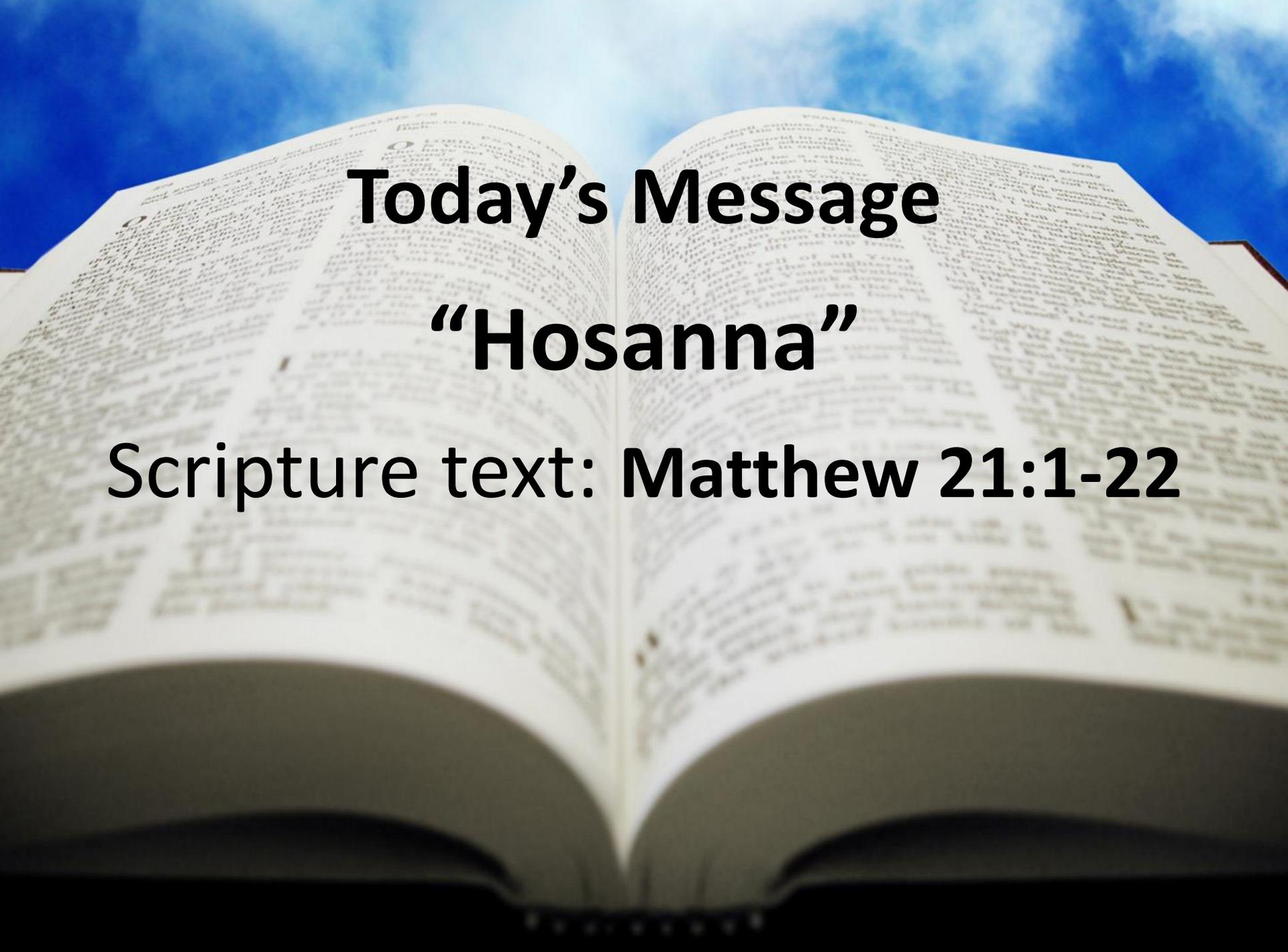


**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:
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Famous Quote:

“About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man ... He was the Christ. When Pilate, upon hearing him accused by men of the highest standing among us, had condemned him to be crucified, those who had in the first place come to love him did not give up their affection for him. On the third day he appeared to them restored to life, for the prophets of God had prophesied these and countless other marvelous things about him.”

JOSEPHUS

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Today's Message

“Hosanna”

Scripture text: Matthew 21:1-22

HOSANNA* Hebrew expression meaning “**Save us, Lord,**” taken from Psalm 118:25.

Psalm 118:25 Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Psalm 118 is a declaration of confidence in the Lord’s salvation, made in a time of need.

I ask you today ... are we not also in a time of need?

Let us also shout, “HOSANNA”

Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord GOD, "**when I will send a famine on the land-- not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.**"

There is Spiritual Blindness in the world today, as it was in that day, when Jesus entered the City of Jerusalem.

Let take a closer look at what our Lord encountered.

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 *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

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

John 1:9-14 The true light, which enlightens **everyone**, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. **He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, **but of God.** And the **Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we have seen his glory, glory as of **the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Revelation 19:11-15 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. From **his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron**. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

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.

Mark 11:2 and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it **you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat.** Untie it and bring it.

Psalm 8:5-9 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. **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, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

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. ***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 prophetic Scriptures required that the Lamb of God be crucified on Passover. **This demonstration of Christ's popularity incited the rulers to act.**

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 118:22-26 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. **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.

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 12:14-18 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; **behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!**" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. **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).

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

Luke 11:47-52 Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation. **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."**

John 11:47-53 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. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

John 12:35-40 So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. **Walk while you have the light,** lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, **believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.**" When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" **Therefore they could not believe.** For again Isaiah said, "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

1 Corinthians 2:14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, **for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.**

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, **because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**

Point to Ponder

A young man once jumped from a plane for his first skydive. When he pulled his main parachute, it failed to open. As he thought on what he was supposed to do regarding the emergency chute, he hit the ground. His friends rushed up to him, thinking he was dead. They instead found that he had miraculously landed on freshly plowed ground and was still alive. As he lay there with fourteen broken bones, and a bone protruding vertically from his leg, he mumbled, “Boy, did I blow it!”

He was right; he blew it. He had listened to his instructor. He had believed. However, he hadn't obeyed. Don't blow it for eternity. **Listen, believe, and obey.**

Has the Lord gotten your attention?

Remember Psalm 118:25 Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

As we look at world events, noticing what is happening all around us, from Covid-19, food shortages, lack of supplies, joblessness, etc

I ask you again ... are we in a time of need in this Country?

Are you ready to shout, "HOSANNA"?

For Jesus is the only answer and He is coming soon!