

## The Saviour – Welcomed

**This week** – We learn of The Saviour’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem, on the foal of an ass.

**When Jesus reached Jerusalem the children crying in the temple, and saying:  
“Hosanna to the Son of David”  
Matthew 21v15.**

**Bible Readings for this week:**

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Matthew 21v1-11 (The crowd shouted Hosanna)	
Monday	Matthew 21v12-22 (This is the House of Prayer)	
Tuesday	Matthew 21v23-32 (The unbelieving Pharisees)	
Wednesday	Matthew 23v1-23 (The Lord warns the hypocritical Pharisees)	
Thursday	Matthew 23v24-39 (The Lord has compassion for Jerusalem)	
Friday	2 Chronicles 3 (Solomon builds the Temple at Jerusalem)	
Saturday	Psalms 24 (The Lord of hosts, The King of Glory)	

**Important Lesson for us Today:** What does Hosanna mean? It is a Hebrew word, “*Save now*”.

It is a word of worship with special recognition that Jesus Christ is God The Son, the promised Messiah and Saviour Who had come to save and rescue sinners from the guilt of their sin. God looks at the sincerity of our heart, to see if we have come humbly, in real faith and repentance. When we worship God and pray to Him, do we recognise He sent His Son to die for us on the cross? In our lesson today there were two types of people – one group who truly worshipped the Lord as the Promised Saviour, and others who were not sincere, caught up in the fickle euphoria of the day, who, in seven days’ time, would shout, “*Crucify Him*”.

We must ask ourselves, “**Which group am I in?**” “**Is my worship acceptable, is it sincere?**”

**Hymn 220 – Sing Hosannas to the Lord Jesus Christ, The Saviour, The Prince of Peace.**

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| 1. Hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes,<br>The Saviour promised long;<br>Let every heart prepare a throne,<br>And every voice a song.  | 2. He comes, the prisoners to release<br>In Satan’s bondage held:<br>The gates of brass before Him burst,<br>The iron fetters yield. |
| 4. He comes, the broken heart to bind,<br>The bleeding soul to cure,<br>And with the treasures of His grace<br>To enrich the humble poor. | 5. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,<br>Thy welcome shall proclaim;<br>And Heaven’s eternal arches ring<br>With Thy beloved name.  |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

*This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.*

## The Saviour Welcomed – Into Jerusalem.

- **A Long-Expected Event For Jerusalem – Prophesied in the Old Testament.**
  - **The hill of Abraham’s sacrifice, 2000BC.** Read Genesis 22v1-14. Mount Moriah, where faithful Abraham was told by God to sacrifice Isaac. The Lord provided a substitute for Isaac, a ram caught in thick thorns. A prophetic picture of Christ Who, 2000 years later, died for us on Calvary, on Mount Moriah.
  - **The site where David prepared to build the Temple, 1000BC.** Mount Moriah, Jerusalem, the site chosen by God for Solomon to build the Temple. **2 Chronicles 3v1.**
  - **The people prepared by Zechariah, 500BC.** Zechariah 9v9, Christ riding an ass.

*The detailed fulfilment of these prophecies authenticates the Bible as The Word of God.*

- **The Great Day of Christ’s Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem Begins.**
  - **Humble, Lowly Transport** – An ass was requisitioned and gladly handed over.
  - **Carpeting of the Way** – Large crowds, including many children, threw their cloaks and palm leaves in the way, recognising Him as the Lord of Glory.
  - **A Genuine Welcome** – They cried out, “*Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.*” Matthew 21v9

**Conclusion** No other king or ruler have had their entry into a city described in such detail hundreds of years before the event. **Who was this Jesus?** He is God the Son, The promised Messiah, The Lord of Glory Who came to be the Saviour of the world.

- **The Lord Jesus Visits The Temple in Jerusalem.**
  - **He Exposes the Temple Authorities** – The Lord, in holy anger, turns out those who were exorbitantly ripping off the poor people who came to sacrifice to God and worship Him. He said, “*My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*” Matthew 21v13. See also Isaiah 56v7.
  - **The Priests were Hostile** – The Lord had received the adoration and worship of the crowd, taught with authority, and miraculously healed many who were sick. In hateful jealousy the Scribes and the Pharisees ask, “*By what authority doest Thou these things? and who gave Thee this authority?*” Matthew 21v23
  - **The Lord warns the Religious Leaders** – “*Woe unto you, hypocrites*” Matt 23v13.

*Beware of many false teachers today who mix their false religion with the true Gospel.*

- **The Lord Jesus’ Sadness Over Jerusalem.**
  - **The Saviour Weeps** – Knowing that many who shouted, “*Hosanna*” today, would in a weeks’ time, cry, “*Crucify Him*”, “*Crucify Him*”.
  - **His Gracious Compassion** – He longed to gather them under His protective wing, but they refused. *Are you resisting the Lord’s gracious call to repent? “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!”* Matthew 23v37.