# Jesus is not the savior we want, He is the savior we need!





The Gospel of John

When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

John 12:9-11



12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

John 12:12-13



14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

John 12:14-15



16 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. 17 The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear

John 12:16-17



18 The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

John 12:18-19



#### What's at stake then & now?

- 1 Promised Savior
- 2 Threat to religious / political systems
- 3 HOPE for all mankind!



### Understanding the Text - Verses 9-11

- People (Crowd, Lazarus & family, Priests)
- Plot (Resurrection, Testimony of Crowds & Laz)

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### Understanding the Text - Verses 12-15

- Passover Feast (God's Delieverance of Israel)
- Palm Branches (Nationalism & Flourishing)

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Vs. 13 "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel!"



### Hosanna - Declaration of Praise similar to Hallelujah

- Hebrew word 'Yasha' (deliver / save) & 'Anna' (beg / beseech)
  - LORD SAVE US!
- Matthew 21:9 "Hosanna to the son of David!"



"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel . . . a ruler will come out of Jacob . . . "

Numbers 24:17, 19



"You are my Son, today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance; the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter, you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

Psalm 2:7-9



"When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever".

2 Samuel 7:12-13



### Jesus chose to enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey's colt (sign of peace)



"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 & mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Zechariah 9:9



"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed."

Isaiah 53:5



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# Jesus is the HOPE you have looked for your entire life!



"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1



### "For all the promises of God find their Yes in him."

2 Corinthians



"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love"

1 Corinthians



# Faith in God's character Hope in God's Son Love from God who first loved us



"though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Ephesians 2:6-8



"even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45



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### How do we respond today?

- Place your faith in Jesus the Savior
   (Believe & Receive)
- Commit to follow Jesus as your
   Lord (Baptism / Discipleship)
- Pray for the world & share Jesus with boldness & love (Invite)





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