



LISTENING GUIDE: HOSANNA

The True Revelation of King Jesus

Scripture: John 12:12–19

"What if you can be close to Jesus... celebrating Jesus... even following Jesus... and still not truly see Him for who He is?"

INTRODUCTION: THE TENSION OF THE MOMENT

- Palm Sunday is a moment of **divided understanding**.
- **The Danger:** If we misunderstand Jesus, we will eventually build a life on an **expectation** He never promised to fulfill.
- **The Question:** Are you seeing Jesus as He truly is, or as you **need** Him to be?

1. THE CROWD: Excitement with Expectations

- **The Symbol:** The people waved palm branches, which were symbols of **nationalistic hope** and victory.
- **The Cry:** "Hosanna" means "**Save now.**"
- The crowd was right about **who** He was (King), but they misunderstood **what** He came to do.
- **The Gap:** They were celebrating the version of Jesus they **expected**, not the Savior they needed.

- **The Truth about Crowds:** Crowds often amplify emotion, but they are not always reliable guides to **truth**.
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2. JESUS: The King Who Redefines the Moment

- **The Contrast:** Jesus does not enter on a war horse; He chooses a **young donkey**.
 - **The Revelation:** He is not a conquering general; He is a **humble King**.
 - While the crowd is shouting, Jesus is **weeping** (Luke 19:41).
 - **The Real Conflict:** The crowd thought their greatest problem was Rome. Jesus knew their greatest problem was **sin**.
 - **The Heart of the Mission:** Jesus did not come to primarily overthrow governments; He came to overthrow the **brokenness inside us**.
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3. THE DISCIPLES: Close but Confused

- The text says the disciples did not understand these things **at first**.
 - **The Lesson:** You can be near Jesus and still need **deeper revelation** of Him.
 - Clarity did not come during the parade; it came after the **Cross**, the **Resurrection**, and His **Glorification**.
 - Jesus doesn't reject us in our confusion; He **leads** us through it.
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4. THE PHARISEES: Resistance to Revelation

- The Pharisees were not confused; they were **resisting**.
 - **The Warning:** Clarity without **surrender** often leads to rejection.
 - Jesus does not just invite belief; He **disrupts control**.
 - He did not come to be **admired**—He came to be **followed**.
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THE TURN: FROM THE PARADE TO THE CROSS

- The true coronation of Jesus as King does not happen in the streets; it happens on the **Cross**.
 - The King is not revealed in the parade, but in the **sacrifice**.
 - What looked like **defeat** was actually the greatest **victory** in history.
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MY RESPONSE TODAY

- **A Deeper Revelation:** I need to see Jesus for who He is, not just what He can do for me.
- **Internal Transformation:** I will stop asking God only to change my circumstances and ask Him to change **my heart**.
- **From Crowd to Disciple:** I am choosing to move from being a spectator to being a **committed follower**.

A Personal Prayer: *Lord Jesus, help me see You clearly. I release my expectations and embrace Your truth. Wherever You lead, I will follow. Amen.*