Hosana in the Highest . . . Palm Sunday

Why the words triumphant entry? Because Jesus did everything he had to do, perfectly, and resisted doing the things he should not have done, to be obedient, to his father, to his call and to his mission!

Hosana, Hosana in the highest!

John 3:16-18 NIV ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 10:10 NIV The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "HOSANA!!

Jesus was obedient even unto death! Philippians 2:6-11 NIV "who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God, a thing to be grasped," but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

When Jesus was asked by John the Baptist's followers if he was "the one" that they were waiting for, Jesus replied . . . Luke 7:22-23 NASB ²² . . . "Go back and report to John what you have seen, and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ²³ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

"God the Father acknowledges Jesus at his baptism with these words, "this is my Son in whom I am well pleased! Listen to him!" (Matthew 3:17, Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22)

Jesus rebukes the religious establishment! Matthew 23:25-26 NASB

** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence."

When Jesus was tempted by Satan, that Jesus could rule over all the nations of the world, if he would, just, bow down and worship Satan! Matthew 4:10-11 NIV 10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Proclamation . . . This parade! This kahea! Palm Sunday! Jesus is riding into Jerusalem on a foal of a donkey, through the back gate, as the king of Israel with all humility! He is proclaiming that he is the king of God's kingdom! Meanwhile another parade or proclamation is coming from the opposite direction, from the west to the east, to the main gate of the city, headed by Pontius with legions of chariots, horses, and foot soldiers dressed for battle and armed with sword and spears. This parade was to announce that they would crush any kind of demonstrations against the Roman empire!

The Prophet Zechariah said Zechariah 4:6b NASB 1995. . . . <u>'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts.</u>

Matthew16:24-27 NASB 1995 ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.

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