

Jn. 12:12-16

Text: Jn. 12:13--"Hosanna:
Blessed is the King of Israel,
that cometh in the name of the Lord!"
Theme: Jesus' saving power.

Introduction: 1. Text most familiar
Palm Sunday words (read).

2. "Hosanna" means "save us, we
pray." In text followed by (give).

3. Men need to say "Hosanna"

4. Things men need to be saved
from same as ever, & Jesus saves.

I ~~From~~ From what we wish to be save

1. Material & financial insecurity

2. Family separation.

3. Ridicule & persecution.

4. Physical suffering.

5. Useless, bored lives.

6. Sadness & grief.

7. Death.

8. Eternal death & punishment.

9. Sin or its results.

II. Scripture & experience show it
often best to be saved from only
some of these things.

1. Not always best to be saved

from material & financial insecurity

a. Mt. 19:16-24. Rich young man & Jesus.

b. Swindle, murder or suicide of rich often in news.

2. Not always best to be spared family separation.

a. Jesus--"Everyone that hath forsaken house or brother or...."

b. Well-to-do boy at camp.

3. Not best to be spared ridicule & persecution.

a. Mt. 5:11-12. Ridiculed receive eternal life & are prophets

b. Many of most effective church groups are ridiculed ones.

c. "Persecution the mother of Christianity."

4. Scrip. & exper. show not always best to be spared grief & sadness.

III. Christ saves in case of ultimate good. This faith in first Palm Sunday crowds.

1. Sometimes in sadness & grief: Jn. 14:1--"Let not your heart..."

2. From uselessness & boredom.

a. Girl at office window.

b. AT & T president, as in SEP

c. Opportunity for Christian
zest in any job. (Explain)

3. Christ saves from death.

a. Faith of early churches
based on Jm: "I go to prepare a
place for you."

b. Paul's faith. I Cor. 16: ~~54~~
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4. Christ saves from eternal
torture and punishment, which all
merit but from which His love save

5. He saves from sin. Prodigal
son illustrates theme.

IV. We must want to be saved.

1. Jesus demanded faith as
requisite of His help.

2. So must our hosanna express
real desire.

Conclusion: 1. Text points to
contemporaries faith in Jesus.

2. Reminds us that He will save
in important matters.

3. Urges us to utter "hosanna"
in all its meaning.

4. Gypsies at Tunbridge.

5. Jesus said. "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life."
Jn. 5:40.

6. Palm Sunday emphasizes His saving power. Ask Him to save you, and mean it.