

Authentic 'Hosannas' to the King

Scripture: John 12:12-34
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On the first Palm Sunday, the crowd rightly welcomed Jesus as King. But a few days later, the same crowd shouted "Crucify Him!". What caused the crowd's change of heart? What can we learn from their inauthentic cry of "Hosanna" to King Jesus?

To avoid the crowd's mistake, we must incorporate two elements whenever we cry "Hosanna" to King Jesus: (1) we must know ***what He came to save*** and (2) we must know ***how He came to save***. And the way to do this specifically is to follow the example of the Greeks from our Scripture text.

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. While the crowd's defection may be severe, can you, nonetheless, relate in your own life our human tendency to crown Jesus as King and then later defect? What are some possible ways that we are like the crowd?
2. Describe some of the misalignment of purposes between the crowd's idea of deliverance and Christ's idea of deliverance that led to their defection from Christ a few days after the first Palm Sunday. Do you agree that such misalignment of purpose can lead a person to disillusionment which then leads him down the path of disloyalty and, ultimately, defection from Christ? Name some examples where you see this process working itself out.
3. On a scale of 1-10, do you (like the Greeks in John 12:21) desire to see Jesus? Is it the cry of your heart? Why or why not?
4. Can we still "see" Jesus today just like the Greeks requested in John 12:21? What are some practical ways we can do this?
5. How can "seeing Jesus" help us align ourselves with His deliverance and enable us to make a more authentic declaration of "Hosanna" to King Jesus?
6. Do you make time to "see Jesus" regularly? Why or why not?