

Matthew 21:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Analysis

The crowds' cry 'Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest' quotes Psalm 118:25-26, a messianic psalm. 'Hosanna' means 'save now' or 'save, we pray'—a plea for deliverance. 'Son of David' explicitly identifies Jesus as Messiah. The crowd hailed Jesus as deliverer, expecting political salvation from Rome. Within days, many would cry 'Crucify him,' showing the fickleness of crowd enthusiasm based on misunderstood expectations.

Historical Context

Psalm 118 was sung during Passover, celebrating God's deliverance. The crowd's application to Jesus declared Him Messiah. The palm branches (John 12:13) symbolized Jewish nationalism and victory. The crowd expected Jesus to overthrow Rome and establish earthly kingdom. Their later rejection came when He didn't meet these expectations.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do you impose wrong expectations on Jesus rather than submitting to His agenda?
2. What does the crowd's fickleness warn about popularity-based faith?

Interlinear Text

οἱ	δὲ	ὄχλοι	οἱ	προάγοντες	καὶ	οἱ
G3588	And	the multitudes	G3588	that went before	and	G3588
G1161		G3793		G4254		G2532
ἀκολουθοῦντες ἔκραζον λέγοντες Ὁσαννὰ τῷ νίῳ						
that followed			cried	saying	Hosanna	to the Son
G190			G2896	G3004	G5614	G5207
Δαβίδ·	Εὐλογημένος	ὁ	ἐρχόμενος	ἐν	ὄνόματι	κυρίου·
of David	Blessed	G3588	is he that cometh	in	the name	of the Lord
G1138	G2127		G2064	G1722	G3686	G2962
Ὕψιστοις	ἐν	τοῖς	ὑψίστοις			
Hosanna	in	G3588	the highest			
G5614	G1722		G5310			

Additional Cross-References

Luke 2:14 (Parallel theme): Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Matthew 23:39 (Blessing): For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 21:15 (References David): And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,

Matthew 9:27 (References David): And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

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