

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** G1161 **the multitudes** G3793 G3588 **that went before** G4254 **and** G2532 G3588
ἀκολουθοῦντες ἔκραζον λέγοντες Ὡσαννὰ τῷ υἱῷ
that followed G190 **cried** G2896 **saying** G3004 **Hosanna** G5614 G3588 **to the Son** G5207
Δαβίδ· Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι κυρίου·
of David G1138 **Blessed** G2127 G3588 **is he that cometh** G2064 **in** G1722 **the name** G3686 **of the Lord** G2962
Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις
Hosanna G5614 **in** G1722 G3588 **the highest** 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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