

people shouting “Hosanna”? Does “Hosanna” mean “Save Us”?

**Pharisee:** Yes, this is blasphemy! But soon they will realize that Jesus is not a king. He won't save them from the Romans. He will be lucky if he can save himself.

“Is he coming?” asked a man.

“Yes!” said another. “He's not far from the city.”

There were a lot of people in Jerusalem. Large crowds who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Feast. Upon hearing that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him.

“Look! Jesus is riding on a donkey. It's exactly how the prophet Zechariah said that it would happen, ‘Fear not, daughter of Zion; Your King comes, seated on a donkey's colt.’ Jesus is the Messiah! Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!” cried the crowd.

People cut palm branches and waved them. Some put them on the ground and made a path for Jesus.

“Is this the man who raised Lazarus?” a woman asked her friend.

“Yes!” her friend answered. “I was visiting Martha,

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Lazarus' sister, and I saw it! Jesus commanded Lazarus to come out of the tomb, and he had been dead for days.”

“Anyone who resurrects someone is greater than the Romans and their armies,” said another woman. “Surely Jesus will become king. He will defeat the Romans.”

“I heard that his father, Joseph, is from the house of David. Perhaps this is how God will fulfill his promise to David. If Jesus becomes King, one of the descendants of David will

have the throne! Is this not exactly what God promised David so many years ago?”

“Jesus must be the king that God promised us.”

The crowd shouted again and again, “Hosanna! Hosanna!”

The Pharisees and other religious leaders were angry.

“This is all out of control. If Herod or the Romans find out, they will punish us all.” So the Pharisees plotted to kill Jesus.