## From the Pastor's Desk.....

And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out , saying; Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Matthew 21:8-9 NKJV

Hello family,

Think about what it must have been like to be there as Jesus openly made it known that He is the promised Messiah.

The people had been waiting and praying for His arrival and were excited that He was finally there among them.

Many thought that He would free them from Roman tyranny; they thought and hoped that He would establish His kingdom, and everything would be better in their lives. They had in their minds how things would and should come about.

It's important to note that these same people that greeted the Lord Jesus by spreading their clothes on the road, spreading branches that they had cut down on the road, as an act of royal homage, and shouting, Hosanna, (save now) as He rode into Jerusalem, did not show the same enthusiasm for Him a few days later when He was sentenced to death and hung on the cross.

If we're not careful we can be like that as Christians today.

We were excited when we got saved; We couldn't read enough of His Word; we had to tell everyone we knew and those that we met all about our glorious Savior; we got involved in our local church; we were praying to the Lord all the time. Then maybe for some of us something began to happen. Maybe we had expectations that everything would be better; maybe we thought all of our troubles would go away; we might have thought that because we believed and received the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord that everyone else would want to do so also.

Maybe we just got comfortable and complacent, taking things a little or a lot for granted. Maybe when some or all of those things happened, and for some people other things as well, we just stopped being excited and enthusiastic about our Savior.

If that's happened it's time to get excited again, remembering that our focus needs to be and stay on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; we need to be enthusiastically maintaining our relationship with Him instead of trusting in our emotions.

The Lord Jesus Christ is much more than an emotion; He is God, and He is our Savior and Lord. He went to the cross in our place for our sins.

In this time that we are living in (and always) its important for Christians to be living for the Lord Jesus Christ, representing Him in all that we do no matter what the circumstances are.

Let's make sure that during this Easter Season that we are loving, serving, and praising the Lord. Let's make sure that we are prepared to talk to others about Him. Let's remember that He is so worthy of our praise, love, obedience, worship, and service to Him.

In Christ's love,

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