

April 10th, Scripture: John 12:12-19, Lk 22: 8-9, 16-21, Title: A change from Hosanna to Crucify Him

Introduction: Today has two names on the church calendar. Most of you know today by the following common names:

1. Palm Sunday where we sing “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”, remembering the cries of that first Palm Sunday from the crowd when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on donkey. The cry “Hosanna”, meaning, “save us now!” Jesus’ triumphal entry to Jerusalem was amazing! Even the religious leaders of that day were standing on the sidewalk and hearing their shouts of “save us now!” John 12:12-19 NIV



2. Passion Sunday. Quite a change from the Palm Sunday parade. Luke 23:13-24 NIV

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.” But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.) Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” vv.13-21(NIV)

3. Holy Week, the week of the church year where we focus on Jesus’ last week in Jerusalem.

Conclusion: Remember not to change your heart from Hosana to crucify Jesus, in all you do. While there’s a lot going on this week, I would encourage each one of you to walk the road to the cross with Jesus.

Jesus said “it is finished” Jesus was signaling to the Jewish world that there was no more need for sacrifices. It is done, it is signed, and sealed by the blood of Jesus. (Hebrews 9:12,26, John 19:10 NIV)

