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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Are "we" in the crowd?

MATTHEW 21: 8-11 NKJV – (8) And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. (9) 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!*" (10) And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" (11) So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

MATTHEW 27: 17-22 NKJV – (17) Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" (18) For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy. (19) While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him." (20) But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. (21) The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas!" (22) Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" *They* all said to him, "*Let Him be crucified!*"

For the Jews, Jerusalem was the holy City of God. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, He fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy ([Zechariah 9:9-10](#)) and left little doubt that He was accepting the title of Messiah. Jesus was adored by the crowds of people who had come to Jerusalem for Passover. But soon, those same adoring crowds wanted Him dead. We are much the same...one minute we want Him and, then the next (by the way we are committed or live) we don't.

Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday are two sides of this same coin, representing the two sides of faith God wants you to have in your life. Rejoice and sing as Jesus comes into your life! Weep and mourn as His death confronts you with your sin. Yes, we were there in the crowd on both days, shouting 'Hosanna!' and later 'Crucify!' Because of what Jesus has done for us and our faith in him, one day we will be in that great crowd gathered around the throne of God, and there everyone will shout words of praise and heavenly hosannas that will ring through all eternity.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 94:14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God will not abandon "You!" You are a child of God - created by God, secured, accepted, and valued by God. You have direct access to God's throne of grace. Nothing can separate us from God's Love. God will never abandon you, even if we choose to abandon Him.