

"I am the LORD your God . . . You shall have no other gods before me."  
(Exodus 20: 2 & 3)

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# Palm Sunday

## John 12: 12 – 15

# 2 – Don't look for \_\_\_\_\_ rather  
look for \_\_\_\_\_.

Politics is no savior – and if politics were our savior, we now see what a tawdry, dishonest, skulking, mendacious (*lying*) savior it is. It is a lifeguard who cannot swim. It is a contagious and disease-ridden surgeon. It is an accountant who can't count. It is a carpenter who doesn't believe in nails. This is government of the ninnyhammers (*fools*), by the ninnyhammers, for the ninnyhammers. But for those who worship man, this is the way it has to be. Douglas Wilson

(You can read the entire article at:  
[http://www.dougwils.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=7499:obamacare-and-seven-layers-of-failure&catid=129:obama-nation-building](http://www.dougwils.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7499:obamacare-and-seven-layers-of-failure&catid=129:obama-nation-building))

*"The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!' "Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, 'Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.'" John 12:12 – 15*

### WHAT HAPPENED?

FIRST: HOW BIG WAS THE CROWD?

John says that a "**great crowd** that had come for the \_\_\_\_\_."

*Significance:*

### WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE "PALM BRANCHES" – "HOSANNAS" – AND THE DESIRE TO MAKE HIM KING?

Palm branches symbolized \_\_\_\_\_.

"Hosanna!" literally means, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 21:9)

*Psalm 118 —<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

<sup>2</sup> *Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."*

<sup>3</sup> *Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."*

<sup>4</sup> *Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever."*

<sup>5</sup> *In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free.*

<sup>6</sup> *The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?*

<sup>7</sup> *The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.*

<sup>8</sup> *It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.*  
<sup>9</sup> *It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.*  
<sup>10</sup> *All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.*  
<sup>11</sup> *They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the LORD I cut them off.*  
<sup>12</sup> *They swarmed around me like bees, but they died out as quickly as burning thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off.*  
<sup>13</sup> *I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me.*  
<sup>14</sup> *The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.*  
<sup>15</sup> *Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”*  
<sup>16</sup> *The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”*  
<sup>17</sup> *I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.*  
<sup>18</sup> *The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.*  
<sup>19</sup> *Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.*  
<sup>20</sup> *This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.*  
<sup>21</sup> *I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.*  
<sup>22</sup> *The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; <sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*  
<sup>25</sup> *O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.*  
<sup>26</sup> *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.*  
<sup>27</sup> *The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.*  
<sup>28</sup> *You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.*  
<sup>29</sup> *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

Antiochus Epiphanies

Mattathias the Hasmonean

Judas Maccabeus

Revolt of the Maccabees / Maccabean Rebellion

## WHAT HAPPENED?

*Matthew 21:12 – “Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.”*

## THE NEXT DAY IT GETS WORSE

*“Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. ‘Do you see all these things?’ he asked. ‘I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.’” Matthew 24:1 & 2*

## IT GETS EVEN WORSE

*“While Jesus was in Bethany... a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. When the disciples saw this, they were indignant.” Matthew 26: 6 - 8*

*Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” Matthew 26:14 & 15*

## LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

# 1 – Don’t try to \_\_\_\_\_

*“. . . tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men . . .” (Ephesians 4: 14)*

*John 13 – <sup>1</sup> It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus **knew** that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father . . . <sup>2</sup> The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus **knew** that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> **so** he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.*