

# To the Rescue

**\*\*\*VID BUMPER - Rescue**

Today is **<Palm Sunday>**... It's a special day in the Church...

## **QUESTION - Can your Faith save someone?**

Jesus enters triumphantly into the city of Jerusalem.

He has come to save!! But he is going to save in an unexpected way... the cross

Crowds gathered as he came into the city on a colt...

Zechariah 9:9 (NIV)

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**They recognized this moment!** This was their King... their salvation. Riding in upon a Donkey symbolized that he was coming in Peace... Not war, which riding in on a horse would have symbolized.

They cut down palm branches and laid down cloaks in front of Jesus. This was an amazing moment. A time to Rejoice!

Mark 11:9-10 (NIV)

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

**<Hosanna>** – A Hebrew Phrase **Yaw-shah naw**

Psalm 118:25-26 (NIV)

O LORD, save us;

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

**<Hosanna>** Means **Save Us We Pray**

Hosanna – not just a sweet worship lyric... A DESPERATE cry SAVE ME NOW

**Have you ever been in a desperate need of help? Rescue?** Then you should know the urgency of Hosanna!

The Nation of Israel was under the tyrannical rule of Rome.

They thought Jesus was there to Rescue them from Rome. After all isn't that what Moses did?

**Jesus wants to do more than what you think you need Him to do...**

**Ephesians 3:20 (NIV) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,**

They were looking for a political savior.... He did more

We are looking for a worldly savior... He wants to do more

Jesus **<To the Rescue>**

He has heard the Cry of Hosanna... The Cry of SAVE US NOW!!!

**HE WANTS TO RESCUE YOU!** He wants to rescue you better than you know how you need to be rescued.

Isn't this the problem that happened in the hearts of the crowd cry Hosanna in Jerusalem nearly 2000 years ago. They thought they knew best how Jesus was to rescue them.

**HE WANTS TO RESCUE YOU! He wants to rescue you better than you know how you need to be rescued.**

He wants to Rescue you from Depression! You may be surprised with how he does it.

**Isaiah 61:3 (NIV) (He will) provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.**

He wants to rescue you from sickness

**Isaiah 53:5 (NIV) But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

He wants to rescue you from your guilt and shame

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!**

**He's a rescuer! He knows how to rescue! TRUST HIM!**

Noah, Joseph, Israel, David, Daniel, 3 Hebrew Children, Peter

Lazarus, The woman with the issue of blood, Blind Bartimaeus, The woman caught in the act, The Leper

Jesus **<To the Rescue>**

Jesus Heard their cry of HOSANNA! He hears your cry. He is a rescuer.

**When was the last time you just cried out Hosanna?**

**Can you relate to the joy of those people as they saw the rescuer entering their world?**

Jesus the Rescuer is **<In the House>**

Mark 2:1

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.(NIV)

Mark 2:2

So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.(NIV)

Mark 2:3

Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them.(NIV)

Mark 2:4

Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.(NIV)

Mark 2:5

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."(NIV)

Mark 2:11

"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."(NIV)

Mark 2:12

He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"(NIV)

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If you know where the rescuer is... you should bring people to Him!

We don't know much about these people... We know there were 4 of them... It doesn't say they were friends with the paralyzed man... We don't know if they actually knew Jesus... what they did for a living...

All we know is they brought this guy to Jesus.

**He could never have come on his own...**

You know someone who needs rescuing... It could be that they won't ever get to the rescuer unless you bring them.

Those 4 guys KNEW JESUS WAS **<IN THE HOUSE.>**

The house was so full that they couldn't get the paralyzed man to Jesus...

This is a problem...

The people around Jesus can be an obstacle.... We Church going Christians can be an obstacle...

Mark 2:4

Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.(NIV)

The rescuer is in the House... But if we can't bring people into the house we are willing to DISMANTLE THE HOUSE...

It's great that Jesus is in the House right now... But don't forget there are people outside this house that need Rescuing! THIS WORLD IS SHOUTING HOSANNA!

We are willing to do WHATEVER IT TAKES to get people to the Rescuer!! If that means we dismantle the old paradigms of Church we will do it... All that matters is getting someone in need of Rescue to the Rescuer!!

**MUSICIAN**

I IMAGINE SOME PEOPLE INSIDE THE HOUSE WHERE VERY ANGRY... Some might not agree with tearing a roof off of the house...

How much is this going to cost...

What is this guy doing in the house... He obviously sinned and that's why he is paralyzed... He obviously doesn't belong here.

I'm tired... let's just sing... I would like to request we only sing...

Do You think the people needing rescue care what kind of music we play?

There will be some things we do around here that might worry you... it might be how you like it... We are sorry. We aren't trying to tick you off or bother you... WE ARE SIMPLY TRING TO GET SOMEONE TO THE RESCUER... PLEASE HELP US CARRY SOMEONE TO THE RESCUER

It's not about your comfort level... It's about the Rescuer! The calling of the church is to bring people to the rescuer...

**<EASTER & FRIENDS DAY>** – Will you bring someone to the Rescuer?

## **Vid bumper – Remember that video?**

**Those people where surprisingly face to face with a murder victim...  
someone that needed a rescue. They were crying for help... save us now...  
hosanna...**

ALTAR Worship

Do you need rescuing?

Do you know someone who needs rescuing?

Hosanna Bridge

Heal my heart and make it clean...