

Hosanna: "Save us, o Lord"

Jesus, as a leader, always made a difference; He preferred to walk away from the applause of the crowd, knowing well that the core of your ex. or power of your leadership is not measured on the number of followers or the power of slogans/after miracles, strictly told not to spread the news around...

Today, there is a shift: He takes initiative for organizing a welcome reception/.

Hosanna/day of preparation. Ex' 12.3; the lamb to be slaughtered at Pascua need to be chosen 4 days ahead. Today, Jesus chose himself to be killed as the new Pascua! If you do listen with your heart, don't you hear the heartbeat and cry of the lamb to be killed, amidst the shouting of Hosanna slogans? Where else do we find, if not the Son of God, celebrating like a feast his miserable killing?

Roman Tradition: If he makes a solemn entry to city upon a horse, he comes for a confrontation with the Roman leadership; But by coming upon a donkey, he comes as a sign-as a messenger of Peace.

Hosanna, literally means "Lord, save us". It's not just a welcome wish, but a cry for salvation too! It points to Jesus as the awaited Messiah; but with the diff. that his throne is the Cross, his crown is of thorns and the anointing oil is his own blood.

If you want to win over the world, you need to win over yourself first. Jesus knew it very well. He makes a difference in his choices: In the midst of those who want to always possess more and more, and to dominate over others, the son of the Almighty becomes a continued borrower... for everything... He borrows a donkey for his trip; He always borrowed: a boat to preach; he borrows 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish to feed the multitude; he borrows a dining hall to share last supper; even the tomb he was buried in was borrowed.

By doing this, Jesus teaches us that anyone who fail to wage a war v/s his/herself, will continue to fight against all others, because for anyone who fails to win over self, everyone is an adversary to be defeated.

How do we celebrate the most spiritual week of the year? Are we losing all the spiritual depth that we gain inside church by joking around, socializing, thinking and talking about many worldly issues as usual. Can we concentrate our thoughts, conversations, and meditations around the events of this Holy Week and the passion of our Savior?

On Palm Sunday, ask yourself: Is Christ, King and Lord over everything in my life? Do I, like Christ, turn down worldly glory for spiritual and eternal glory? "How often, O Lord, have I betrayed You?" "How many times have I told You words of love in prayers, while my actions show the opposite, and my heart is far away from You?". Let our prayer be: Have mercy on me and Save me Lord!