



## Watch Focus: Hosanna! Worship the Passover Lamb

Mar 27, 2015, We come to the Holiest of weeks as we approach Palm Sunday. As Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, He was about to offer Himself as our Atoning Lamb of God. Jesus is the fulfillment of Passover. Soon His precious blood would redeem us all when He cried from Calvary, "It is finished!"

Let us come afresh to honor the Lamb of God. May the Lord give us all a renewed heart of worship. May we look in awe at Calvary's glorious work. Let us bow to worship our Lord and our God. Give thanks to the Lord for redeeming us our families, and all the families on earth. Give glory and praise for the Passover Lamb.

It would be appropriate to receive communion during this season. Let us once again humble ourselves before the Lord of Glory. The Old Testament Day of Atonement provided only a temporary covering for sin. Jesus Christ took our sins away permanently. All humanity suffers from the problem of sin. The remedy God provided for us all: the atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross, when Jesus offered Himself through the Eternal Spirit to God the Father (Heb. 9:13-14) providing one complete all sufficient sacrifice for every family in every nation. Therefore, we cry out, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

He took our sins, our sicknesses, and all our sorrows. As we focus on the sacrificial Lamb, welcome a new season of evangelism, healing, deliverance from demonic oppressions, and the lifting of curses, including the poverty curse. On the basis of the shed blood of the Lamb, we welcome waves of glory, grace, and refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

*Luke 19:28-40, "When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. And if anyone asks you, "Why are you loosing it?" thus you shall say to him, "Because the Lord has need of it."' So those*

*who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, 'Why are you loosing the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of him.' Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, 'Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.' But He answered and said to them, 'I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.'"*

*Gal. 3:13-14, Isa 53:4-10, 1 Cor. 2:2, 2 Cor. 5:21, 2 Cor 8:9, 2 Cor 9:8, Deut. 28:2-13, Lev 16:22*

At the same time as we honor the Passover Lamb, let us pause and pray for America at this critical hour. America has been the chief and staunchest friend of Israel since its restoration in 1948. This relationship seems to be in jeopardy today because this U.S. administration has decided to oppose Israel and pressure its leaders to make decisions that would put Israel in danger of annihilation and destruction by its many enemies. Pray that God would turn the heart of this present administration before we are found as those who curse Israel. According to Scripture, this would release the judgments of God upon our nation. May we rise up to always bless Israel. This current administration is determined to damage and hurt Israel. God has said He would curse those who would curse Israel. Let us repent and pray America will not hurt or damage Israel. May we with one heart bless Israel and pray protection, wisdom, and guidance for Israel's leaders. Pray for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as he begins to form the newly elected government of Israel.

*Gen 12:3, Ps. 122:6, Isa. 62:6*