

A WONDERFUL SURPRISE

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May Jesus be your Savior and King.

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What do you say when you are really excited,
or when you think something is really great?

Maybe you say,

“Hooray!”
or
“Wow!”

The Bible tells about a crowd of people who were excited.
They weren't just a little excited. They were a LOT excited!
But they didn't yell, “Hooray!” or “Wow!”

They shouted, **“Hosanna!”**

And they shouted,
**“BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!”**

What was so exciting? Who were they shouting about?

The crowd was excited about Jesus! Jesus was coming!
Jesus was riding into the city on a donkey!

The people were so happy that they threw leafy branches on the road.
They took off their coats and threw them down for Jesus to ride over.

The people were excited that God had sent them a King.

They yelled over and over,

**“HOSANNA! BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!”**

But Jesus knew something about these people.
He knew most of them really did not love him or want
him to be their true King. He knew that soon they
would be shouting something very different.

