*From the Pastor’s desk:*

**MISPLACED ADULATION!**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. **(Zech 9:9, KJV)**

Before He rode on the donkey into Jerusalem, Jesus had performed incredible and undeniable miracles. According to Mark, the last recorded miracle was that of the blind Bartimaeus who received his sight. The Gospel of John reported the resuscitation of Lazarus.

By and large, people have witnessed countless miracles performed by Jesus. Premised on all those undisputable miracles, they concluded that Jesus must possess some special powers that could rescue them from the Romans' tyrannical rule. Little wonder they were crying, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' **(Matt 21:9)** Hosanna comes from two Greek words: ***yasha,*** which means “save or deliver,” and ***anna,*** which means “please, I beseech.” People's clamour for salvation was focused on the physical, whereas He came to save them from the curse of sin and death. Sadly, they could not perceive the eternal kindness of God.

Unconsciously though, they positioned themselves to fulfilling the Scripture as recorded in **Zechariah 9:9**. There was adulation. There were positive actions. The people made themselves part of the historic moment. But their ultimate goal was premised on error. No wonder, five days later, they demanded unanimously: “Crucify him!” **(Mark 15:13).** The people cheered Him on Sunday but sneered at Him on Friday. They showered Him with praise one moment. The next, they hurled insults on Him.

Beloved, I challenge you on this Palm Sunday. Do you really love God? Are your motives of serving Him right? After congregating with the saints on a Sunday, how do you spend the remaining days of the week? Why do you identify as a child of God? Is it that He may use you, or that you may use Him? Search your heart. Don’t be caught in a *Misplaced Adulation.*

**🌴HAPPY PALM SUNDAY🌴**