

**WHAT CROWD ARE YOU IN?
Jesus On Mission – Part 5
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John 12:12-13 (NIV) *“The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. ¹³They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting, ‘Hosanna!’ ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Blessed is the king of Israel!’ ”*

John 12:16 (NIV) *“At first His disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about Him and that these things had been done to Him.”*

Either Jesus is King or He is nothing at all in our lives.

John 12:14-15 (NIV) *“Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ¹⁵‘Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.’ ”*

Matthew 1:20-21 (NIV) *“...An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.’ ”*

John 12:19 (NIV) *“So the Pharisees said to one another, ‘See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after Him!’ ”*

Luke 23:18, 20-21 (NIV) *“But the whole crowd shouted, ‘Away with this Man! Release Barabbas to us!’ ²⁰Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ²¹But they kept shouting, ‘Crucify Him! Crucify Him!’ ”*

Luke 23:32-33 (NLT) *“Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with Him. ³³When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed Him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified – one on His right and one on His left.”*

Luke 23:34 (NIV) *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”*

What Does It Take To Be Acceptable In The Eyes Of God?

1. You don't have to be SINLESS.

Mark 15:32b (NLT) *“Even the men who were being crucified with Jesus ridiculed Him.”*

No one is EXCLUDED from the infinite mercy of Jesus no matter how great their sin.

2. You don't have to do GOOD WORKS.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

It's not what we do, but what Jesus has done, that makes us acceptable in the eyes of God.

3. Just ADMIT that you are a sinner.

Luke 23:38-41 (NLT) *“A sign was fastened above Him with these words: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ ³⁹One of the criminals hanging beside Him scoffed, ‘So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving Yourself—and us, too, while You're at it!’ ⁴⁰But the other criminal protested, ‘Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? ⁴¹We deserve to die for our crimes, but this Man hasn't done anything wrong.’”*

Romans 3:23 (NIV) *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

4. Simply BELIEVE that Jesus is Lord.

Luke 23:42 (NIV) *“Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.’ ”*

Jesus came into the world to save SINNERS.

Luke 23:43 (NLT) *“...I assure you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”*