



Hosanna #1



Hosanna #2



Hosanna #3

Just outside Jerusalem, they came to greet Jesus waving palm leaves, as was the custom of welcoming royalty. They cried “Hosha’ na,” meaning “Save!” in the Hebrew or “God save us!” This was the first and only time that Jesus was greeted as a king.

*St. John*

*12:12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,*

*12:13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

The Hosanna triptych presents **Palm Sunday** and the beginning of the week of the crucifixion.

*St. Luke*

*23:39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.*

*23:40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 23:41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.*

*23:42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.*

*23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.*



Golgotha #1



Crucifixion at Golgotha



Golgotha #2

The Golgotha triptych presents **Long Friday** (also called *Good Friday*): the day that Jesus was put on the cross with two others, one on each side. St. John 19:17 tells “And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called *the place of a skull*, which is called in the Hebrew, *Golgotha*.” Golgotha #1 depicts the penitent man while Golgotha #2 represents the more disturbing unrepentant malefactor.

The seventh image closes the seven days of the week of Easter and presents the **Resurrection** of Jesus.



Resurrection

Here, the palms live again as, indeed, is embodied by the season of spring.

*St. Luke*

*24:4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: 24:5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? 24:6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, 24:7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.*

*24:8 And they remembered his words.*

The circle now closes through a biblical correspondence. The use of palm leaves only occurs in the Book of St. John 12:13 and in the Book of Revelation 7:9. Here, we see the Angels holding palms before Jesus in Hosanna #1 and Hosanna #3.

*Revelation*

*7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.*