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John 12:12-13; I Peter 1:3

Finding Hope In Hard Times

I. Introduction:

We are facing horrible and tragic times

II. Some Promises From God's Word

Psalm 46:1, "The Lord is our refuge and strength **a very present help** in times of trouble.

Matthew 1:23 says, "And he shall be called Immanuel, which means **God is with us!**

Matthew 28:20 "**I am with you always**, even to the ends of the age."

Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for **the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.**"

Psalm 23:4, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for **you are with me.**"

III. Today's Text: John 12:12-13

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They 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!"

Hosanna means "The LORD Saves"

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into **a living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"
I Peter 1: 3

III. How Do We Find Hope In Hard Times?

a.) Keep Your Eyes Focused On Jesus

"fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12: 1

"The joy of the Lord is my strength" Nehemiah 8:10

b.) Be Strengthen By Prayer:

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, **"Sit here while I go over there and pray."** ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

IV. Conclusion:

Stay strong, Stay safe, Keep your eyes focused on Jesus, Be strengthened by Prayer and May God Bless you!

