



"The crowd that shouted "hosanna" as Jesus entered Jerusalem included all those for whom Jesus was a source of joy, those he healed and forgave, and those he welcomed after they had been excluded from society.

But others were irritated by Jesus and tried to silence his followers. In the same way, people today will try to silence young people who continue to follow Jesus, because "a joyful young person is hard to manipulate."

There are many ways to silence young people and make them invisible, many ways to anesthetize them, to make them keep quiet, ask nothing, question nothing. There are many ways to sedate them, to keep them from getting involved, to make their dreams flat and dreary, petty and plaintive.

Do not to keep quiet. Even if others keep quiet, if we older people and leaders keep quiet, if the whole world keeps quiet and loses its joy, I ask you: Will you cry out?"

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