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One Clue, Two Ways
John 12:12-19

Have you ever seen two different people approach the same situation in two very different ways?

John 12:12-19 *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!" 14 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."

16 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. 17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. 18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Two Ways to approach:

#1: The Way of _____

Pontius Pilate

- His position--
- His purpose--
- His procession--
- Comes from the _____

King Herod Antipas

- His purpose--
- Comes from the _____

#2: The Way of _____

- Comes from the _____
- His purpose-- _____
- His procession-- _____
- Palm branches (Psalm 118:25-26)—
- *remez*--
- v.15 Zechariah 9--
- The Pharisees' reaction—
- The biggest clue Jesus gives is _____

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What does the clue of the cross reveal about who Jesus is?
2. Have you ever approached a situation Rome's way? What happened?
3. Have you ever approached a situation Jesus' way? What happened?
4. There are two ways to enter a conversation, to be the boss, to be an employee, to handle conflict, to run your house, to face your mistakes, to interact with your spouse or your ex. Which will you choose?
5. There are two ways to approach Life—to seek to control it and attempt to preserve it, or to die to yourself and receive a new, eternal life from Christ. Which will you choose?

With whom can you share something you heard in this message this week?

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