



Sermon Notes: The Day Pride Died

1. Jesus crushes the self-centered pride of our world.

a. The pride of power politics.

b. The pride of religious pretense.

c. The pride of racial superiority.

d. The pride of temporal obsession.

e. The pride of fashioning our own designer Jesus.

2. And replaces it with self-giving, God-glorifying humility.



Gospel Applications: The Day Pride Died

1. What would you've said was the point of Palm Sunday prior to this message? What would you say now?
2. If you had been in Jerusalem for Passover and had observed the two parades that week, what do you think would've stood out to you? How does knowing about Pilate's second parade change the way you read this story of Jesus' triumphal entry?
3. What's your gut reaction to reading about Jesus cleansing the Temple? Who do you think Jesus might treat the same way in our culture today?
4. How did it change your understanding of "*my house shall be a house of prayer*" to see what context Jesus was quoting from Isaiah 56:3-8? What are some practical implications of this promise-fulfillment for the Church today?
5. What are some ways Jesus was not the kind of Messiah anybody wanted back then? What are some ways he's not the kind of Savior people want today?
6. What are some versions of a "designer Jesus" you observe people fashioning in our culture today? Who's *your* "designer Jesus"?
7. Of the five forms of pride mentioned in the message . . .
 - Which bothers you the most in others?
 - Which is/are the American Church most guilty of? In what ways?
 - Which are you most prone to? In what ways?
8. Prior to this message, how do you think you would've defined "humility"? What other traits do you associate with humility?
9. How does it change your thinking on humility to see that it's essentially just an obsession with God's glory and a self-giving love for others?
10. What one specific thing will you do in response to the message this week?