I.   Worldly Peace   "Horse Way"

A. Chief Priest's Way Jn 12:9-11

John 12:9 (NASB)

9 The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.

John 12:10-11 (NASB)

10 But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also;
11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

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John 12:16 (NASB)

16 These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

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                      Jn 12:14-15

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     C. Donkey Jn 12:14-15 Zech 9:9-10

John 12:14-15 (NASB)

14 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, 15 "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

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John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; **not** as the **world** gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the **world** you have tribulation, **but** take courage; I have overcome the world."

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        C. Donkey
Which way will you bring peace into your world and heart?

Questions

1. What do you like best about parades? Bands? Food? Vendors? Trinkets? Clowns? What do you like least about parades? Traffic? Pickpockets? Tall People?

2. This is Jesus last week on earth. If you had one week to live, how would you live it?

3. In John 6:15, Jesus rejected the proclamation of Jesus as king, but now in John 12:9-19, He welcomes it. Why do you think He accepted the acclaim this time?

4. Why did Jesus choose a lowly, humble donkey to ride into Jerusalem (see Zechariah 9:9-10)?

Questions

5. How have you observed people trying to get peace in the world or their heart by the chief priest's way in Jn 12:9-11 or by the crowd's way in Jn 12:13 by believing that Jesus would be their political deliverer? (The crowd's thought was probably: "If Jesus can raise a man from the dead, what could He do with the Roman government in terms of overthrowing them?")

6. What are some ways that you have tried the world's way of peace (or the Horse Way – by war or fighting or asserting power or force)?   How does that usually work for you?

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7. What makes Jesus' way of peace harder but a better way of obtaining peace (or the Donkey Way – tears, cross, donkey)?   Can you recall a time when you tried Jesus' way of peace, that of cross-bearing, self-denial, putting others first and submitting to God's plan and will? Please share.

8. What areas of your life right now are not experiencing peace? Can you discern the Horse Way or the Donkey Way in the middle of this conflict?

9. Discuss the quote: "There is no greater peace found in this world than being in the center of God's will." How does this apply to Jesus going the way of the donkey and the way of the cross in John's gospel?