

REFLECTION

Reflections from the gutter

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(This is a dramatic monologue by a street sweeper in Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday. He reflects on what he has seen and, combined with his own experience, makes some attempt to interpret the events of the day.)

He compares and contrasts the entry of Jesus through the East Gate with the entry of Pontius Pilate through the West Gate and concludes that we are being given choices:

What kind of leadership do we Want? Need? Admire?

Who do we want to follow – Pilate or Jesus?

What kind of people do we want to become – strong, ambitious, self-centred, with little respect for ordinary people OR compassionate, caring, loving people committed to an inclusive community and society?