

Lifelines—April 21, 2019

Sermon Title: "The Power of Easter"

Sermon Text: John 19:30-20:10

Sermon Outline:

I. The Death of Christ (19:30-37)

II. The Burial of Christ (19:38-42)

III. The Resurrection of Christ (20:1-10)

Questions:

1. The apostle John, who wrote this gospel, was an eye-witness of Jesus' death and resurrection (19:36). Discuss the value of having his eye-witness testimony to these events.
2. Jesus gave up his spirit in death (19:30). Discuss how this relates to his statement in 10:17-18. What is the significance of Jesus' own control over his sacrifice.
3. Jesus was buried by Joseph and Nicodemus, members of the very council that had condemned Jesus to death. What is the value of Jesus having a well-known tomb outside of Jerusalem?
4. Jesus was raised on Sunday, or, as John presents it, he raised himself on Sunday (2:19; 10:17-18). Why did Jesus raise himself from the dead?
5. Discuss why you believe in the resurrection of Jesus? What makes your faith more reasonable than the Muslim's faith in the prophet-status of Muhammad or the Mormon's belief in the Book of Mormon?