



(EASTER)

“The Easter Scandal”

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Consult the Scriptures:

Luke 24:1-12

John 20:1-18

Luke 24:13-32

John 20:24-29

Acts 9:1-5

Matthew 28:11-15

John 21:1-8, 15-19

(Other Scripture referenced: 1 Cor. 15:12-20; Rom. 9:33; Lk. 22:20)

Discuss:

1. Why is Easter such an important day for the Christian (see 1 Cor. 15:12-20)? Is it a big day only for the Christian? Why or why not?
2. What was the rat trap all about?
3. What types of responses did Jesus *trigger* (re: rat trap, i.e., scandal) during His life and ministry? In other words, what types of reactions did Jesus elicit?

4. Jesus said and did some *scandalous* things (see Rom. 9:33) and as such, Pastor Patrick claimed that there is no passive position when it comes to the person of Jesus. He continued and said that if someone's position seems passive, then they have yet to truly engage with the person of Jesus. Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. Read through the texts listed above, recording a variety of responses to the resurrection of Jesus. Which response best describes you when you first came to Jesus? Which response best describes you today?
6. What challenged you most about this week's sermon? What new insights did you take away? What questions do you still have?