

Apologetics | Week 10

The Apologetics of Easter

- I. Intro: Tom Holland, *Dominion: The West rests on the Cross*
 - a. Western Values are cross-shaped, even if you're an atheist.
 - b. Even Marxism
- II. Roman Crucifixion in the First Century
 - a. The Nature of Crucifixion
 - b. The "Right" to Crucify in the Ancient Mind
 - c. The Meaning of Crucifixion: the execution of a rebellious slave
- III. The Resurrection of a Crucified Slave
 - a. The Best Explanation for the Gospels and the Church
 - b. The Resurrection Explains the Crucifixion from God's perspective
- IV. The Spiritual Power of the Message Preached: The slave on the cross is God
 - a. Scandal to Jews and Foolishness to Greeks, but "Sophia"
 - b. Lowest is of Greatest Value
 - c. Suffering/defeat/humility/sacrificing (giving vs getting) are redemptive
 - d. Always True Everywhere
 - e. For Everyone
- V. The Impact of the Cross
 - a. Money: "Expecting Nothing in Return"
 - b. Sex: Monogamous covenant between One Man/Woman is the gospel/crucifixion applied to sex
 - c. Power:
 - i. The State is not eternal/ultimate. Categories: Church/State; secular/religious
 - ii. Cross-driven revolutions are necessary and good.
 - iii. The State takes care of the marginal: slaves, poor, children, women

iv. Everyone can contribute and cooperate across boundaries

VI. Conclusion