

March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday Pastor Jim Larson

How the Resurrection Changed Me John 14:1-6; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

A rule I have had for years is: to treat the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal friend. His is not a creed, a mere doctrine, but it is He Himself we have.

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He gave me a new destiny (Mark 10:32-24; John 14:1-6)

When we consider our destiny, we generally don't think far enough ahead.

When we consider our destiny we generally don't think big enough.

He gave me a new relationship (1 Cor. 15:20-26)

In our relationship with God we find <u>intimacy</u> instead of <u>intimidation</u>.

In our relationship with our new family, we find togetherness instead of

<u>alienation</u>

He gave me a new purpose (1 Cor. 15:24; John 21:15-19)

When we find new purpose in living in Jesus Christ, he replaces <u>conformed</u>

living with <u>transformed living</u>

Something to Think About – Week of March 27th

This week Jim talked about the resurrection and the difference it makes in three areas: your destiny, your relationships, and your purpose. So here's the first question. Answer it without stopping to think about the Christian PC answer.

"The most important thing to me is ______ That's probably the thing that gives your reason to be. Put an expiration date on it.

Read John 21:15-19. Peter probably thought he could never be used again. All of his self-confidence had been wiped out just before the crucifixion when he denied Christ. How did Jesus give him new purpose?

Think of a low point in your own life. If you had a John 21 experience, jot down some general thoughts here of what it meant to you with Jesus gave you a new reason to be.