

From Pastor Matt Jones

TOMB ALONE

AN EASTER SERMON WITHOUT THE CHURCH

(A Study in the Gospel of John for Resurrection Sunday 2020)

- **Being** _____
- **Bringing** _____
- **Buddies** _____
- **Body** _____
- **Burial** _____

QQ TIME: QUESTIONS FOR THE QUARANTINED

1. In the beginning of the sermon, we reflected on emotional feelings of loneliness and actually being physically alone. Do you ever feel alone, even though there are people around you? Share. What has been the longest period of time in your life that you were away from those you love(d)? How did you endure? What did the Lord teach you through it?
2. With the COVID19 pandemic and quarantines, are you experiencing any feelings of loneliness or other emotions? Share together how you are personally doing and managing this season.
3. Please read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. What is the significance of what Paul is saying about the message and the list of eyewitnesses? Discuss how Paul speaks of himself on the list and what he says about the grace of God that transformed his life. In your own life, what would others who knew you before and after salvation say about the visible things the Lord has transformed in your life?
4. Speaking of transformation, what are some lingering sins in your life that you long to see sanctified and changed? (If you can't think of any, you can be vulnerable and ask those close to you for feedback)
5. Please read 1 Corinthians 15:12-22. In these verses, what does the Apostle Paul argue would not be true if Christ had not risen, and why does he reason this way with his readers? Further, what is the future hope Paul uplifts in vv. 22-28 that is based on the surety of the resurrection?
6. What does Paul say about Christ's victory over death and the destiny of His church in 1 Corinthians 15:50-58? How is Paul's taunt of death (vv.55-6) particularly helpful in the face of the COVID19 pandemic?
7. Compare what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 to 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Notice in verse 13, Paul speaks about how the church experiences grief, but in a way that is different than nonbelievers. Discuss together how we as believers can process COVID19 in a way that is different than the world. How can we use the quarantine in particular as a missional moment for sharing the gospel with our neighbors, friends/family on the phone, and social networks online?