Easter Sermon: Why Jesus?

Genesis 3:1-13; 21; Isaiah 53:2-11; John 5:25-29; Revelation 20: 7-15

*Why Jesus? Because he is the only one who can save us.

⇒ Traditions of Easter. Why do we celebrate Jesus? Why is He the "only way"?

I. The deception of sin (Genesis 3:1-13; 21)

- A. The deception of sin: there is another way other than God's way
- B. Sin separates us from God
 - i. Romans 14:23
- C. God provides a "covering" for the man and woman
- D. Why Jesus? Because he covers our sins.

II. The suffering servant (Isaiah 53:2-11)

- A. The prophecy of what Christ would suffer
- B. He took our guilt and punishment
- C. Jesus is the suffering servant
 - i. It is finished
 - ii. He was buried and rose again
- D. Why Jesus? Because He was appointed by God.

III. The miracle of life (John 5:25-29)

- A. A resurrection is coming
- B. Everyone is eternal
- C. Raised to judgment or life
- D. Why Jesus? Because He is the judge over life.

IV. The Reality of Hell (Revelation 20:7-15)

- A. The Devil is punished as the deceiver of sin
- B. Dead are raised and judged "according to what they had done."
- C. Books and the Book of life
- D. The Second Death
- E. Why Jesus? Because the resurrection rescues us from eternal death.

V. Why Jesus? Because He is the only one who can save us.

- A. Acts 4:12
- B. => Why do people give restaurants multiple chances but not churches?

VI. Live It Out

A. "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13)