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## Sunday 27 March 2016

**EASTER SUNDAY: Celebrate Life! (John 10:10)**

1. Allan's initial scripture for the day was John 10. ON EASTER MORNING ... the most significant day of the Christian calendar ... we dealt with One who described himself as a shepherd. A loving shepherd. A sacrificial shepherd. Is this the model that the world would say best demonstrates/models the nature of our all-creative God? How would we choose to announce/describe/model ourselves to the world to create the greatest impression?
2. Allan had three questions. Listed below ...
  1. What happened to Jesus? The women found the empty tomb with the stone rolled away. We are not told what physically happened to him from the Friday to the Sunday. What do you think? Was the return of life instantaneous at some time during those hours? Or, did eternity's greatest spiritual battle take place in that dark tomb ... Satan against God? Refer to Ephesians 1. 18-20, particularly 19 and 20. Was there ever greater power than this? Do we realise that this same power is available to us?
  2. What will happen to me? Will we be mourned and then forgotten? Or do we recognize the great promise and guarantee of our personal eternity given to us in this Easter story? Discuss.
  3. What about the NOW? Do we recognise the promise of ABUNDANT LIFE ... NOW .... as well as ETERNAL LIFE, forever? To what extent are we living ABUNDANT LIFE today, here in Melbourne? We acknowledge such life but do we live it?
3. Discuss Paul's great statement, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection!" As we examine the priorities of our present lives, to what extent are we echoing Paul's passion.

