

MIRACLES

of EASTER



Miracles are God's Activity in our crisis.

¹⁰ Indeed, you are great, a worker of miracles. You alone are God. Psalm 86:10 (GWT)

- What God does around us is designed to produce something in us.
- Sometimes the miracle we need is not the miracle we're looking for.
- Easter is the miracle of new Life!

... I came to give life—life in all its fullness. John 10:10 (NCV)

¹ But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ³ So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? Luke 24:1-5 (NLT)

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The angels were saying:

- You're looking for a Jesus without life.

"I am the resurrection and the life..." John 11:25

- You're looking for a Jesus without substance.

"I am the way and the truth and the life..." John 14:6 (NIV)

- You're looking for a Jesus without power.

"All power in heaven and on earth is given to me..." Matthew 28:18 (NCV)

We've missed the Easter Miracle if:

- We're not living with purpose.

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- We're not challenged by Jesus' resurrection.

He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own. 2 Corinthians 5:15 (MSG)

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead... Philippians 3:10 (NLT)

- We're not living with hope.

"We have been born again into a life full of hope through Christ's rising from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

Jesus not only proved that there is life after death - He provided it for us.

²⁵... "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. John 11:25 (NLT)
¹⁴ And God is going to raise our bodies from the dead by his power just as he raised up the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 6:14 (TLB)

While the disciples were talking about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said. But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt? Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet. Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" Luke 24:36-41 (NLT)

God's activity:

- Seeks us out in our hiding.
- Invades our fears and doubts.

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- Gives us new life.

¹¹ The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. Romans 8:11 (NLT)

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. ⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:42-43



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What were some of the challenges you faced with Easter being different this year?
- How do you continue to experience God's activity in your life?
- When Jesus says he offers new life, what does that mean to you? How is new life different from our old life?
- Do you think that we also look for a Jesus without life, substance and power? Explain why we do that?
- How does Easter give us a new purpose to live out?
- How does Jesus' resurrection challenge us? (How does a resurrection life get lived out?)
- How does Easter allow you to live with hope?
- Read Luke 24:36-41. What does that "word picture" tell you about God's activity in our lives?
- How does Jesus seek us out in our hiding?
- How does Jesus invade our fears and doubts?

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