

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)

The Bad News:

- We are all guilty of sin.

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Romans 3:23 (NLT)

Challenges we face:

- Others are not the standard we are judged by.
- Jesus is the standard.

More bad news...

- The payment of sin is death.

²³ For the wages of sin is death... Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (NLT)

● Good Friday is the miracle of God's love.

¹⁶ For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. John 3:16 (GNT)

Good Friday is good because:

- No one will ever love you like God does.

13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
John 15:13 (NIV)

16 For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. John 3:16 (GNT)

- God took what we deserved upon himself.

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

- Relationship with God is possible.

1 ...we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Romans 5:1 (NLT)

2 ... There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing that would attract us to him.

3 He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows* that weighed him down.

And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!

5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

Isaiah 53: 2-6 (NLT)



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?
- When someone says they have good news and bad news, which do you want to hear first and why?
- Have you watched The Passion of the Christ? Does that give you a better understanding of what Jesus went through for you?
- Is Good Friday really good?
- How do you need God's activity in your life?
- What does it mean to you that we are all guilty of sin? Does it seem unfair?
- Do you think that we tend to compare ourselves with others so we feel good about ourselves?
- What does it mean to you that Easter is the miracle of God's love?
- Do you really believe that no one will ever love you like God loves you? Why is that true? What makes God's love greater than the love we have for our kids or our spouse?
- Read Isaiah 53:2-6. What did Jesus really endure for us? Does that enlarge your gratitude and love for God? Explain.
- When you think that Good Friday makes relationship with God possible, what should our response to God be?

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