

AN EASTER MIRACLE

Miracles: God's Power To Change Your Life

Pastor Kevin Cummings – April 5, 2026

Luke 24:1-36

I. _____ news: God still does miracles.

- A. In response to a problem. (Mark 10:27)
- B. In response to a prayer of faith. (James 5:16)
- C. To bring people to salvation. (II Peter 3:9)

II. _____ news: You can miss a miracle this Easter.

- A. If you are _____. (v. 1-6a)
- B. If you are _____. (v. 6b-8; Deuteronomy 8:11)
- C. If you do not _____. (v. 9-12; I Corinthians 1:18)
- D. If you are just too _____. (v. 13-15; Titus 1:16)
- E. Even if you are _____ with the story. (v. 16-20; Matt. 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; Mk 8:31; 9:31; Lk 9:22; John 2:19-22)

- F. If you are full of _____. (v. 21; Isaiah 49:23)
 - 1. Maybe you don't know what hope is or where it comes from. (Psalm 62:5; Colossians 1:27; Hebrews 6:19)
 - Hope is: **Holding On Praying Expectantly**
 - 2. Maybe you don't understand God's timing.
 - 3. Maybe you are struggling with your mental health.
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- G. If you are _____. (v. 22-25a; Ps. 14:1; Pro. 12:15)
 - 1. Their "but" is bigger than their faith.
 - 2. They delay and are "slow to believe."

III. _____ news: Jesus wants to do a miracle in your life this Easter.

- A. By pointing you to _____. (v. 25b-27)
 - 1. The Bible is **Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth**.
 - 2. We must know what the Bible says, what it means, and how it applies to our life and situation.

B. By pointing you to _____. (v. 28-29; Josh. 24:15)
"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in." Revelation 3:20

IV. _____ news: You can receive the greatest miracle this Easter - Salvation.

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the 3rd day according to the Scriptures." I Cor. 15:3-4

- A. You can _____ God and have a relationship with Him. (v. 30-31; Philippians 3:10)
- B. You can _____ in God.
 - 1. By having the Scriptures come alive. (v. 32; John 14:26)
 - 2. By experiencing Biblical community. (v. 33; Eph. 4:25)
 - 3. By telling others about Him. (v. 34-35; Acts 1:8; Philemon 1:7)

C. You can _____ for God and experience real peace. (v. 36)
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ACTION POINTS: 1.) Jesus Christ is _____!

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