

Happy Easter!

Miracles of Easter!

Various Scriptures

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Bottom Line:

The resurrection of Christ is the greatest event in human history. It powerfully declares God's love for us and His desire to pursue us, deliver us, and change us by the power of Jesus's death and resurrection.

1. Thief on the cross - Awesome act of repentance! Matthew 27:44

His attitude toward Jesus: Mocked Him!

His change of heart: "Jesus, remember me"

Luke 23:41-43

The Thief: Demonstrates the power of God's grace apart from works!!

"We must never forget the thief of the cross. He is often used as an encouraging example of a "deathbed" conversion, but certainly much more is involved. Instead of seizing his last opportunity to be saved, perhaps it was his first opportunity! And think of the courage needed to confess Christ openly before that derisive mob. However, when one interprets the passage, one thing is clear: where there is life, there is hope."

2. The Roman centurion - Amazing display of forgiveness! Mark 15:20,39

His actions toward Jesus: Crucified Him!

His change of heart: "Truly this man was the Son of God" Mark 15:38-39

The Centurion reminds us that no one is outside of the power of the cross to forgive the greatest of sins!

3. Thomas the Disciple - Astounding invitation for doubters to examine the evidence!

John 20:23

His attitude toward the resurrection: Hardened heart of disbelief.

His change of heart: "My Lord and my God"

John 20:28

Thomas the Disciple: Highlights Jesus' invitation to evaluate the evidence and work through your doubts!

Jesus invites all of us to evaluate the evidence like He did with Thomas...



Belief (Life-changing Faith):

Placing your faith in the fact that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the wrongs (sins) that you have committed and, in response, deciding to live your life for Him! Ephesians 2:8-9