

# Easter Miracle

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## I. Resurrection Controversy

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## II. Resurrection Revealed

Luke 24:36-49

V. 36 - 37

Appearance & Greeting

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V. 38 - 43

Doubts & Evidence

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V. 44 - 47

Truth & Understanding

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V. 48 - 49

Empowered & Sent

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## III. Worth Believing, Living Out & Sharing

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## Personal Reflection

Set aside fifteen minutes to pray & respond to the following:

*The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the single most important event in all of human history. It is also the most controversial. Debates about the historicity, mode & meaning of the resurrection have circulated since the day it occurred. Skeptics & believers alike understand that the essence of Christianity is found in the necessity & reality of the resurrection. Without the miracle of the resurrection, Christianity is incomplete & inconsequential.*

*Among all of the miraculous aspects of the Easter story, there is none more astounding than the unrelenting love of God demonstrated in His willingness to die for such a reprobate & corrupt race. The miracle of Easter is the love of God in flesh—dying for those who did not deserve nor truly appreciate what Jesus achieved in the Atonement.*

*How does the reality of the resurrection impact your self-perception, perception of those around you & perception of the world in general? Do you live differently, love more deeply & forgive more readily because your redemption was made possible by Jesus defeat of death at Calvary? Could it be that the resurrection is simply part of your theology, quietly lingering in the background but not actually affecting the way you live?*

*Pray & ask God to cause the truth of the atonement to impact your life in day-to-day terms. Ask Him to reveal areas in which your actions & beliefs are not congruent with the reality that He is the ultimate authority by which all words & deeds will be measured. Thank God for the grace that covers & justifies those who repent of their sin & place their trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. Commit to not only be a participant in God's plan of redemption but also a proclaimer of the Gospel until the Lord calls you home or until Jesus comes again.*