

The miracle of resurrection

1. Are there miracles in your life? Who makes a miracle happen?
2. Acts 17:24-28. How is the existence of the earth a miracle? How is the existence of the human beings a miracle?
3. Acts 17:31-34. Why would some people sneer at Paul when they heard about the resurrection but accept other supernatural miracles in life?
4. Romans 6:8-9. How does the miracle of resurrection show God's eternal love for us? Pray that you live a life that everything is a miracle of God to you.

Acts 17:24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

Acts 17:31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead." 32 When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." 33 At that, Paul left the Council. 34 Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

Rom 6:8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

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(slide 1) The Miracle of Resurrection

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3/03/24	The miracle of resurrection
3/10/24	Jesus' resurrection and ours
3/17/24	The resurrection transformation
3/24/24	For the joy of your resurrection
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(slide 3) Jesus and his resurrection is a miracle

Acts 17:18-20 Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. "You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean."

1. Acts 17:16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. 18 A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods."
2. Miracle is an unusual idea, not natural, not predictable, not reproducible, not controllable
3. 17:21 (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.
4. Good news and the miracle of resurrection is always presented together

(slide 4) We don't know we live in the miracles of God

Acts 17:23 "For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you."

1. We know to worship but don't know whom
2. We wake up everyday not knowing we live in miracles

(slide 5) The world of its existence is a miracle

Acts 17:24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

1. Romans 1:19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.
2. Hebrews 1:1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

(slide 6) Our lives and our beings are a miracle

Acts 17:26-28 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.'

1. Noah, the miracle baby

2. Psalm 139 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

(slide 7) Jesus' birth and his life is a miracle

Mat 1:23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

Mat 8:26 Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

(slide 8) Jesus' resurrection is an ultimate miracle of realities

Acts 17:31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

1. The spiritual realities
 - a. That we are created by God and loved by him
 - b. We are lost and broken without God
 - c. We are missing abundant blessings
 - d. That Jesus came to live and die for us
 - e. That he rose again and pray for us to sustain us
 - f. That he will come again

(slide 9) Believe in the miracle of resurrection and live your life in miracles

Acts 17:32-34 When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed.

1. Why would we believe in things that take more faith?
 - a. That they have a chance to win the lottery
 - b. The beginning of universe and everything fall into places
 - c. The complicated thing is achieved by randomness
 - d. A masterpiece is without a purpose
2. We don't believe in God's miracle because we want to be God
3. When we know God we would believe in Him and everything he did, does, and will be doing

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"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as if nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is." -Albert Einstein

1. This is not an unbeliever would say
2. He knows best in how but his job is not to say who

(slide 11) Celebrate God's eternal love in the miracle of resurrection

Rom 6:8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again.

1. The miracle of resurrection is for us to live forever
2. We are created for forever
3. God loves us for forever