The Power of Re

Message Notes

Foundations:

- A miracle is a supernatural interruption or intervention in the natural flow of life.
- Latin: **Miraculum — to marvel or stand in awe.**
- God does so many miracles all the time
- The miracle of Easter is what I'd like to call the miracle of RE:

RE:

- RE: to do again, or go back to
- We all love a good RE word
    - Return! - I'm grateful to say that 50-75% of my amazon packages get returned
    - Redo! - I love it when I can do something over again after I've messed it up.
    - Reward! - who doesn't love to get a prize..
- Easter can be summarized as the miracle of RE!
    - REsurrection
    - REvival
    - REvelation
    - REdemption

Passage:

John 20:19–20 (NLT)

"That Sunday evening, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord."

Four Miracles of RE:

1. **The Miracle of REsurrection**
    1. The story

        1. Now she's grieving—broken, confused, weeping at an empty tomb.
        2. Jesus appears, disguised—then calls her by name: "Mary."
        3. She recognizes Him—not by His face, but by His voice.
        4. The darkness of a moment like Princess Diana, Kobe Bryant
    2. The power of **her name called** and each Christian hearing his voice
        1. John 5:28–29a (NLT) — 28 Don't be so surprised! Indeed, the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son, 29 and they will rise again.
        2. The biological machine that we are doesn't have a restart button after it dies
        3. "Resurrect" means to stand again. Mary had been delivered from seven demons—she owed everything to Jesus.
        4. Sermon Spice opportunity.. Study done by Northwestern University in Illinois tracked 12 patients with significant brain damage and in comatose state and played their audio for them, it brought them back.
    3. Mary coming back to life
        1. Her Purpose
        2. Her Life
        3. Her Hope
    4. The Miracle of Resurrection: You can stand again
2. **The Miracle of REvival**
    1. The Story
        1. Two disciples are leaving Jerusalem—defeated, heartbroken.
        2. "We had hoped…" = the language of disappointment.
    2. Jesus begins to build a fire within them
        1. He starts poking at their beliefs
        2. He brings in the word
        3. He is merely walking with them
        4. He breaks bread with them
        5. These represent the ways He builds a fire
    3. Wherever Jesus is, the marvel begins!
        1. His Presence Brings the Miracle
        2. His Voice Carries His Authority
        3. His Name Invoked Carries the Same Power
        4. His Word Talked about Brings that Same Power
    4. The Miracle of Revival: You can live again
    5. Key Thought:
        1. Jesus revives you not with noise, but with presence and Word.
        2. He walks with you in your discouragement—and breathes life back into you.
3. **The Miracle of REvelation**
    1. Story - Thomas missed out, he wasn't there.
    2. Me and the refrigerator
    3. Jesus, hidden in plain sight

4. Jesus, God's revelation
    1. He is the revelation
    2. He gives revelation
    3. He will be the revelation
5. Scales coming off
    1. Blind Bartimaeus
    2. Saul to Paul
6. The Miracle of Revelation: You can see again

4. **The Miracle of REdemption**
    1. Story
        1. Peter denied Jesus three times—he's drowning in shame.
        2. Jesus meets him on the shore and asks, "Do you love me?" three times.
        3. For every denial, a new commission: "Feed my sheep."
    2. Biblical Perspective on redemption:
        1. To be bought back.
        2. Job - a life in shambles
        3. Ruth - a life lost
    3. Slaves being bought off a slave block
    4. The miracle of Redemption: You can come back again
    5. 1 Peter 1:18–19 (NLT) — 18 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. 19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

God did all of these miracles, but it's going to take a RE on our part

Our Response:

1. **Repent**
    1. Luke 24:47 (NLT) — 47 It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: '**There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'**
    2. Turn around. Change direction. Lay down sin and pride.
2. **Return**
    1. Isaiah 44:22 (NLT) — 22 I have swept away your sins like a cloud. I have scattered your offenses like the morning mist. Oh, **return to me**, for I have paid the price to set you free."
    2. Come back to Jesus. No shame. No delay. You belong with Him.
3. **Receive**
    1. Romans 5:17b (NLT) — But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.
    2. Open your heart. Stop striving. Let Him in again.

Jesus is the miracle you seek. If you want a wonder to happen in your life, go all in with Jesus.