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## The Recipe for a Miracle

Luke 23:44-24:53

### THE RECIPE ONLY GOD COULD COOK UP

#### 1. START WITH A REALLY BIG MESS.

Luke 23:44-56

- When Friday was done, the movement seemed done as well.
- Everything the followers of the Way had, seemed to be slipping away.
- Fear gripped this infant church.

#### 2. ADD IN A TINY BIT OF FAITH.

Luke 24:1-49

- Even though despair gripped the disciples, they moved forward.
- We may have doubts, but Jesus clears them away.

John 20:27-28 (NIV)

*Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"*

- Even the smallest amount of faith moves the heart of God.

Luke 17: 5-6 (HCSB)

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed," the Lord*

*said, "you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.*

#### 3. ADD TO THE MIX A REALLY BIG GOD.

- With the Resurrection, God performed a miracle that has never been matched.

Acts 2:24 (NIV)

*But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.*

- God has always revealed his power down through the ages.

Genesis 18:14 (CEV)

*I am the Lord! There is nothing too difficult for me. I'll come back next year at the time I promised, and Sarah will already have a son."*

- Just when we think it is impossible for God to step in, He demonstrates how huge He is.

Matthew 19:26 (NKJV)

*But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

### LESSONS FROM AN EMPTY TOMB

Ephesians 1:18-23 (NIV)

1. Nothing is too messed up for God.
2. God is usually at work long before we notice.
3. God shows up even when we doubt.
4. God's solutions are often far different than we expected.