

EASTER MEANS IT'S A NEW DAY OF MERCY

The Miracle Of Mercy – Part 1

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Matthew 28:1,5a,6a (NIV) “After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb...⁵ The angel said...⁶ He is not here; He has risen!”

Luke 1:78 (GW) “A new day will dawn on us from above because our God is loving and merciful.”

Mercy: Unearned kindness and Undeserved forgiveness.

WHEN DO YOU NEED GOD’S MERCY? WHEN YOU ARE...

1. **ASHAMED: You’ve messed up.**

Romans 3:23 (NIV) “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

James 3:2a (NIV) “We all stumble in many ways.”

John 8:3-11 (NLT) “As He was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. ⁴ ‘Teacher,’ they said to Jesus, ‘this woman was caught in the act of adultery.’⁵ The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?’⁶ They were trying to trap Him into saying something they could use against Him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with His finger. ⁷ They kept demanding an answer, so He stood up again and said, ‘All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!’⁸ Then He stooped down again and wrote in the dust. ⁹ When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman.¹⁰ Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, ‘Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?’¹¹ ‘No, Lord,’ she said. And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I. Go and sin no more.’ ”

When you accept God’s mercy He forgives and frees you.

James 2:13b (NIV) “Mercy triumphs over judgment.”

Hebrews 4:15-16 (NIV) “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

2. ANGRY: You don't have what you need.

John 5:2-9 (NIV) “Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, He asked him, ‘Do you want to get well?’ ⁷ ‘Sir,’ the invalid replied, ‘I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.’ ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.’ ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.”

**When you accept God's mercy
He makes the impossible possible!**

Luke 18:27 (NIV) “Jesus replied, ‘What is impossible with man is possible with God.’ ”

2 Peter 1:3 (TLB) “For as you know Him better, He will give you, through His great power, everything you need for living a truly good life!”

3. AFRAID: You are facing death.

Luke 23:39-43 (NIV) “One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: ‘Aren't You the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!’ ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don't you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this Man has done nothing wrong.’ ⁴² Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.’ ⁴³ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise.’ ”

Isaiah 55:6-7 (NIV) “Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.”

When you accept God's mercy He saves you for eternity.

John 11:25 (NIV) “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die.”

Isaiah 30:18 (GNT) “The Lord is waiting to be merciful to you. He is ready to take pity on you because He always does what is right. Happy are those who put their trust in the Lord.”