

## EASTER MESSAGES 2007

A MORNING OF PASSIONATE CELEBRATION

LUKE 24:1-12



### The Heart of the Matter

Inner voices of guilt and shame are virtually impossible to silence. They follow us. They haunt us. They refuse to go away on their own. If they aren't removed, they will drag us down into the depths of despair—or worse, to tragedy. All of us, at some point in our lives, have suffered under their gnawing. It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that sometimes it takes a miracle to ease our guilt and remove our shame—a miracle of love and grace.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Judas: The Betrayer Destroyed by Guilt and Shame

Those who sought to kill Jesus needed an inside man to betray Him. They found the perfect man in Judas, whose kiss was the poison that destroyed his own life.

#### 2. Peter: The Braggart Haunted by Guilt and Shame

With bravado, Peter swore he would never deny Jesus until he swore he never knew the Man. His conscience cut by Jesus's piercing gaze, Peter ran and wept.

#### 3. Jesus: The Savior Who Removes Guilt and Shame

Judas couldn't take back his kiss of betrayal and Peter couldn't take back his words of denial, but Jesus could take away their guilt and shame through the miracle of love and grace.

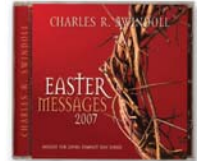


### Starting Your Journey

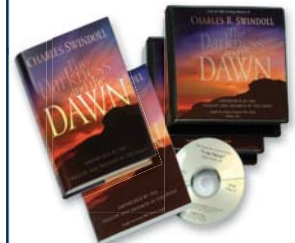
The resurrection of Jesus is the miracle of love and grace that can take away your guilt and shame. All you need to do is believe that He can and ask Him, in faith, to be your Savior.



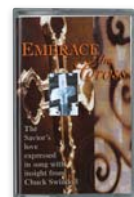
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