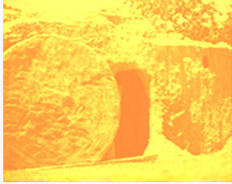


4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.



the gospel of

# MARK

1:1

## THE SON OF GOD

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. 9 And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.



45 Immediately he made his disciples get 46 And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. 47 And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night[g] he came to them, walking on the sea.

8:29

YOU ARE  
THE CHRIST

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"



15:39



TRULY, THIS  
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# The Offense of Jesus

Mark 6:1-13



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- ***“offense” — deep-seated rejection, disdain.  
Literal definition: a stumbling block.***

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- **Unless Jesus can challenge, contradict, and even offend you, you aren't following the real Jesus, but a Jesus of your own making.**





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- **Familiarity breeds contempt.**

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- **In the ancient world, your family identity and social status were established at birth.**



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- **The gospel of grace says that everybody can receive salvation by faith in the resurrected Jesus.**



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- **“Jesus is calling us to highly selective offensiveness.” (Tim Keller)**

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- **Jesus was inviting them into total dependence on Him.**



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- **On the cross Jesus experienced the only rejection that can destroy you.**
- **He got the ultimate rejection so that we could get the ultimate acceptance.**

