



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.

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

8:29

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 MAN WAS THE SON OF GOD



Doubt, Conviction, Power.

Mark 6:14-29.

Matthew 11:1-11.



I. Doubt.

II. Conviction.

III. Power.



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I. Doubt.

- **Everyone doubts.**

John ↔ **Herod**



I. Doubt.

**Doubt is not the opposite
of faith.**



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“Doubt is not the opposite of faith, nor is it the same as unbelief. Doubt is a state of mind in suspension between faith and unbelief.”

– Os Guinness

I. Doubt.

**“I believe, help my
unbelief.” (Mk. 9:24)**

I. Doubt.

Doubt comes when our belief does not match our perceived reality.



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Mark 6:20. for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

I. Doubt.

Matt. 1:2-3. Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

I. Doubt.

II. Conviction.

III. Power.



II. Conviction.

Doubt drives you to question the foundation of your life (convictions).

- **What do I live for?**
- **What do I fear most?**
- **Who do I focus on?**

II. Conviction.

- **Doubt is an opportunity to ask the most important questions.**
- **God will provide you with this opportunity.**

Mark 5:21. But an opportunity came...

II. Conviction.

- **Doubt can lead you to ask the MOST important question about Christ.**
 - **Are you the one? Mt. 11:3**
 - **Who is this Jesus? Lk. 9:9**
 - **Who do you say that I am? Mk.8:29**

II. Conviction.

**To overcome doubt ask:
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Jesus suffered for me.

Suffering has meaning.

II. Conviction.

**To overcome doubt ask:
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- Doubt from success?



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**To overcome doubt ask:
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- Doubt from success?

Jesus had to die for me.

What provides true meaning?

II. Conviction.

When our doubts lead us to questions, and our questions are answered by the gospel (the life and death of Jesus) we gain a new conviction.



II. Conviction.

1 Peter 3:15. but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

I. Doubt.

II. Conviction.

III. Power.



III. Power.

1. Recognize what has power over you:



III. Power.

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- What do you live for?**
- What do you fear most?**
- Who do you focus on?**

III. Power.

2. Question Christ.



III. Power.

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III. Power.

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- **What is he offering? Forgiveness, eternal life and goodness.**
- **How? By grace through faith as we receive it.**



III. Power.

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- **What is he offering? Forgiveness, eternal life and goodness.**
- **How? By grace through faith as we receive it.**
- **Can he satisfy? Yes, if you receive him as Savior (not example, or entertainer).**

III. Power.

3. Repent and receive Christ's life and power.



III. Power.

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

- John the Baptist

