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

THE SON OF GOD The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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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 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.

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And he ask who do you Peter answ the Christ.*

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

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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!"

TRULY, THIS MAN WAS THE SON OF GOD

Jesus the Good Shepherd

Mark 6:30-44





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The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd...with none to search or seek for them. Ezekiel 34:4-6 "sheep without a shepherd"—they needed someone to protect them and provide for them (Numbers 27:17).

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. Ezekiel 34:15-16

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- What will our response be to the needs around us locally and globally?

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"The miracles of Jesus are not suspensions of the natural order, they are restorations of the natural order." Timothy Keller

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- Until we can see that what Jesus is calling us to do is impossible, we will remain absolutely unqualified for it.

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- Jesus didn't call them to do a big thing, just the next thing.

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- Jesus can take our inadequacy and make it more than enough.
- Only the inadequate are adequate.



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IV. Miracles that Satisfy



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- You must come to Jesus admitting you are inadequate and trusting in his death and resurrection.

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- Are you finding your satisfaction in Jesus?