



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

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# 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**



# Jesus, Traditions, and the Bible

Mark 7:1-13



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- **A failure to recognize the unique authority of the Bible is a failure to honor the unique authority of God.**
- **You can't follow Jesus and yet reject the basis of his entire life.**

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- **Law makes us feel like we don’t measure up.**



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- **Jesus is claiming that his words have the same authority the Bible.**



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**Wasn't it necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**

**Luke 24:26-27**

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- **In order to accept the authority of the Bible and trust the purpose of the Bible, we must love the God of the Bible. That's Jesus.**

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- **Unless you see the Bible as being all about Jesus, it will be a crushing burden.**
- **And you will be tempted to turn it into a rule book.**

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- **Jesus did everything God asks of us to do and more...submitted to God's Word, gave up his rights, and died for our sins.**

