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!"

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Learning to Trust Jesus

Mark 8:1-21



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- What is your bread today? What are you looking to satisfy your deepest needs or desires?

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. John 6:51



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- How do you know you can trust Jesus? Because when we needed him most, he came through for you on the cross.