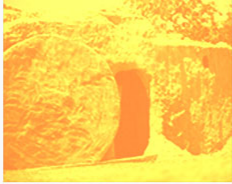




4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.



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
MAN WAS
THE SON OF
GOD

Jesus is the Christ.

Mark 8:22-33.



Big Idea: Jesus is the
Christ, but what does
that mean?



I. Spiritual Blindness.

II. Jesus is the Christ.



I. Spiritual Blindness.

Mk. 8:18. Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember?



I. Spiritual Blindness.

**The miracle is a parable:
spiritual blindness occurs
when we misunderstand
the Christ.**



I. Spiritual Blindness.

Blinded to Jesus' true identity.



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- Why? To maintain self sufficiency.**



I. Spiritual Blindness.

Blinded by a lack of truth.



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Blinded by a lack of truth.

- Disciples: doubt, confusion, “spiritual depression.”



I. Spiritual Blindness.

“Though one can say the man is no longer blind, yet you hesitate to say that he sees perfectly – that description is precisely where most Christians find themselves – they are disquieted and unhappy because of this lack of clarity regarding the doctrine of justification by faith.” - Dr. David Martin Lloyd-Jones

I. Spiritual Blindness.

The need for honesty:

- Don't declare prematurely that your blindness is cured.**
- Don't despair that your vision is still blurry.**



I. Spiritual Blindness.

The need for community:

- Without community we will never see clearly.**



I. Spiritual Blindness.

The need for Christ:

- He is ultimate reality.



I. Spiritual Blindness.

II. Jesus is the Christ.



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The Question: “Who do you say that I am?”



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The Answer: The Christ (Messiah, Anointed One).

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II. Jesus is the Christ.

Peter's Understanding (8:29).

- He's the King (the Messiah).



II. Jesus is the Christ.

Peter's Understanding (8:29).

- He's the King.

Peter's Misunderstanding (8:31-33).

- But not the suffering king.



II. Jesus is the Christ.

Isaiah 53:10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

II. Jesus is the Christ.

Jesus is the Suffering King.

The cross is the throne that brings his Kingdom to earth.



II. Jesus is the Christ.

The Silence?

- They don't understand his mission.
- Do you?



II. Jesus is the Christ.

Mark 8:31. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man **must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.**

II. Jesus is the Christ.

1. The cosmic necessity-

The universe is broken.

God will redeem creation.



II. Jesus is the Christ.

**2. The legal necessity-
Someone has to pay the
penalty for sin. God chose to
pay this himself.**

II. Jesus is the Christ.

**3. The personal necessity-
God loves us and wants to
live with us. His love
demands his death.**



II. Jesus is the Christ.

The indwelling Christ-

Galatians 2:20. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

II. Jesus is the Christ.

Mark 15:39. 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!”

