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.

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

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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!"

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Welcoming and Worshipping the King

Mark 11:1-11

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Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9

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II. Worship the King who meets your deepest needs.

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"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9





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- Everyone of us tends to worship a Jesus of our own making. A king who fits our expectations.

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- Jesus is meant to be your king now. He can change you without crushing you.