

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.

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



Coming and Going.

Mark 7:24-37.

I. How We Come To Jesus.

II. How Jesus Comes To Us.

III. How We Go As Jesus.



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I. How Jesus Comes To Us.

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“he has done all things well” (Gen. 1:31)



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“they brought to him a man with a **speech impediment.**”

I. How Jesus Comes To Us.

Isaiah 35:5-6. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the **mute** sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

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“he sighed” (groaned)

Rom. 8:22. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning

I. How Jesus Comes To Us.

- **Bringing outsiders in.**
- **Grace and Honor.**
- **Vulnerability and Empathy.**



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- **Bringing outsiders in.**

Mk. 7:26. “Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophoenician by birth.”

7:32. “they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment”

I. How Jesus Comes To Us.

- **Vulnerability and Empathy.**

Mark 7:24. he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon.



I. How Jesus Comes To Us.

- **Vulnerability and Empathy.**

“Empathy is biased; we are more prone to feel empathy for attractive people and for those who look like us or share our ethnic or national background.”- Paul Bloom *Against Empathy*

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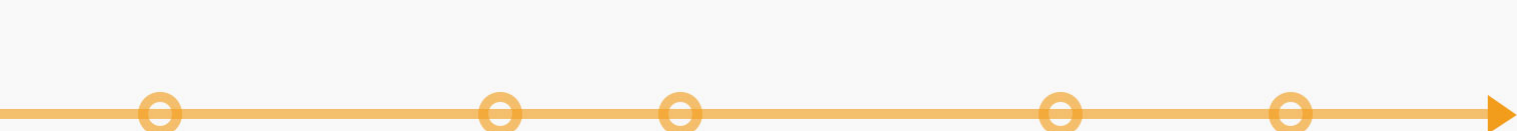
- **Vulnerability and Empathy.**

Matt. 15:23-25. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.”²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

I. How Jesus Comes To Us.

- **Vulnerability and Empathy.**

Mark 7:33. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.



I. How Jesus Comes To Us.

- **Vulnerability and Empathy.**

Vulnerability allows Connection.

Connection allows for Empathy.

Empathy brings healing.

“He became sin for us...”

I. How Jesus Comes To Us.

- **Grace and Honor.**

**Matthew 15:28. “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.”
And her daughter was healed instantly.**

I. How Jesus Comes To Us.

- **Grace and Honor.**

Mark 7:35. At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

I. How Jesus Comes To Us.

- **Grace and Honor.**

2 Cor. 5:21. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us (Grace), so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (Honor).

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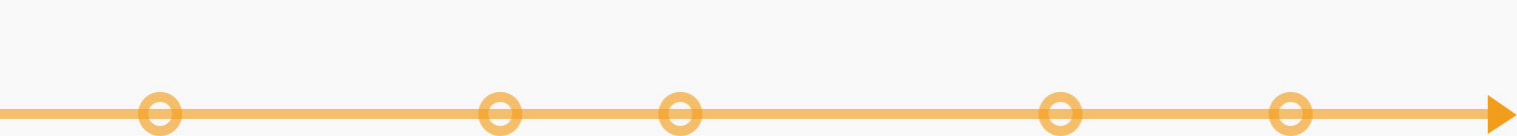
- **Humble.**
- **Vulnerable.**
- **Bold.**



II. How We Come To Jesus.

- **Humble.**

Mk. 7:25. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet.



II. How We Come To Jesus.

- **Humble.**

Mk. 7:25. But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.”

II. How We Come To Jesus.

- **Humble.**

“God receives none but those who are forsaken, restores health to none but those who are sick, gives sight to none but the blind, and life to none but the dead...He has mercy on none but the wretched and gives grace to none but those who are in disgrace.” – Martin Luther

II. How We Come To Jesus.

- **Humble.**

Theology of the Cross: Locating God in vulnerability, humility and weakness.

Theology of Glory: Locating God in strength, success and victory.

II. How We Come To Jesus.

- **Vulnerable.**

Matthew 15:22-23. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her a word.

II. How We Come To Jesus.

- **Vulnerable.**

“Vulnerability is indeed the center of difficult experiences like fear, disappointment and shame, but it is also the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, creativity, authenticity, and engagement.” – Brene Brown

II. How We Come To Jesus.

- **Bold.**

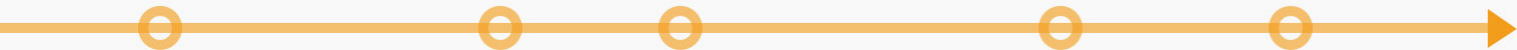
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II. How We Come To Jesus.

- **Bold.**

Heb. 4:16. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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III. How We Go As Jesus.

- **Grace and Honor.**
- **Vulnerability and empathy.**
- **Bold Faith.**
- **Bringing outsiders in.**



III. How We Go As Jesus.

**I was a stranger
and you...**

