

THE GOOD NEWS HAS COME!

Facets of the Good News

The good news was a _____! Verses 1-2, 9-11

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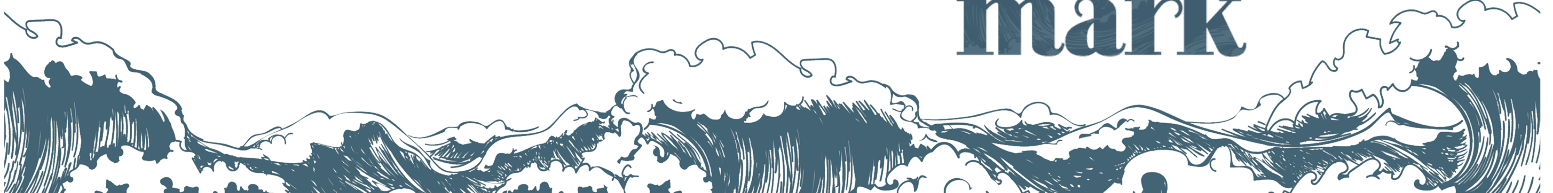
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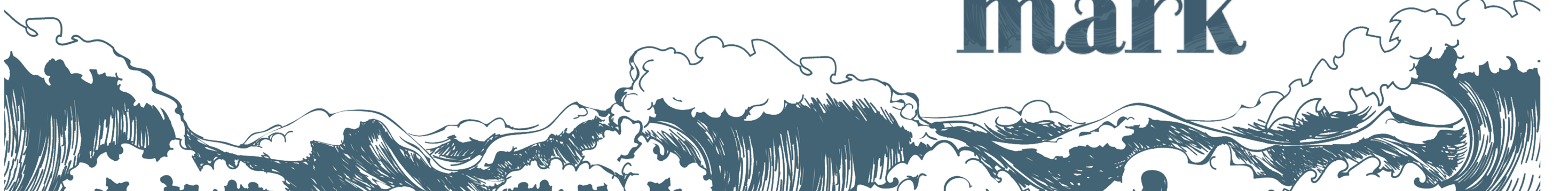


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