Biblical Definition of Offended

σκανδαλίζω skandalízō, **skan-dal-id'-zo**; from G4625; to entrap, i.e. trip up (figuratively, stumble (transitively) or entice to sin, apostasy or displeasure):—(make to) offend.

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- 1. to put a stumbling block or impediment in the way, upon which another may trip and fall, metaph. to offend
 - 1. to entice to sin
 - 2. to cause a person to begin to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust and obey
 - 1. to cause to fall away
 - 2. to be offended in one, i.e. to see in another what I disapprove of and what hinders me from acknowledging his authority
 - 3. to cause one to judge unfavourably or unjustly of another
 - 3. since one who stumbles or whose foot gets entangled feels annoyed
 - 1. to cause one displeasure at a thing
 - 2. to make indignant
 - 3. to be displeased, indignant

Biblical Definition of offence

σκάνδαλον skándalon, **skan'-dal-on**; ("scandal"); probably from a derivative of G2578; a trapstick (bent sapling), i.e. snare (figuratively, cause of displeasure or sin):—occasion to fall (of stumbling), offence, thing that offends, stumblingblock.

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- 1. the movable stick or trigger of a trap, a trap stick
 - 1. a trap, snare
 - 2. any impediment placed in the way and causing one to stumble or fall, (a stumbling block, occasion of stumbling) i.e. a rock which is a cause of stumbling
 - 3. fig. applied to Jesus Christ, whose person and career were so contrary to the expectations of the Jews concerning the Messiah, that they rejected him and by their obstinacy made shipwreck of their salvation
- 2. any person or thing by which one is (entrapped) drawn into error or sin

Offense at the things of Men and not God

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Matthew 16:21-23

- 21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
- 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
- 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an **offence** unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

We are not to offend others

Matthew 18:6

But whoso shall **offend** one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Matthew 17:27

Notwithstanding, lest we should **offend** them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

Matthew 24:10

And then shall many be **offended**, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

John 16:1

These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be **offended**.

Romans 14:13

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an **occasion to fall** in his brother's way.

Offended at Christ

Romans 9:33

As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of **offence**: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Mark 6:3

Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph,[fn] Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took **offense** at him.

- 41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.
- 42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?
- 43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.
- 44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
- 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.
- 46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.
- 47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
- 48 I am that bread of life.
- 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.
- 50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.
- 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.
- 52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?
- 53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
- 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
- 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
- 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.
- 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.
- 58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.
- 59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.
- 60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?
- 61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?
- 62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?
- 63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.
- 64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.