

# see why...jesus matters

(week 1)

*explore...*

- 1) Think of one of your best friends. Write down and share with the group what it is that you really like about them.

**Read Mark 2:1-12**

- 2) Why was the house so full of people at the start of this passage?
- 3) Imagine that you are in the room as the paralytic is lowered through the roof. How do you think you would have reacted to Jesus saying "Son, your sins are forgiven"? Why?
- 4) Why do the religious leaders react so strongly to Jesus forgiving the man's sin?
- 5) Do you think that their response is correct?
- 6) Why does Jesus eventually heal the man so that he can walk?

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Mark claims that Jesus is the Son of God. He then describes five events to show that this is true:

- Jesus' authority to teach (Mark 1:21-22)
- Jesus' ability to heal (Mark 1:29-31)
- Jesus' control of nature (Mark 4:35-41)
- Jesus' power over death (Mark 5:35-42)
- Jesus' authority to forgive sins (Mark 2:1-12)

*talkback...*

7) Which of the five events that Mark records do you find to be the most incredible? Why?

8) What do these events show us about who Jesus is?

9) How should this affect the way in which we relate to him?