

# see why...jesus came & died

(week 2)

*explore...*

- 1) From last week's study what did we learn about who Jesus is and why this matters?
  
- 2) What does Jesus think is the biggest problem facing the world? How was this demonstrated in last week's study?
  
- 3) Imagine a public gallery that contains a record of your life. On the walls is a complete and accurate account of everything that you have ever done and ever thought – nothing is edited out. Everything is there for anyone to look at. There will be lots to celebrate, but also thousands of things that you wouldn't want the public to see. How would you feel if a gallery like this really existed for you?

**Read Mark 8:27-33**

- 4) What does Peter realise in verse 29? Why is this significant?
  
- 5) When Jesus eventually died on the cross do you think that it was unexpected?
  
- 6) Why do you think Jesus confronts and rebukes Peter in verse 33?

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- Jesus' death was no accident – it was planned.
- Jesus died to rescue us from the terrible danger we are in because of our sin – he died as “a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).
- When Jesus died, God's punishment for sin fell on him, so that it never has to fall on us.
- Jesus' death makes it possible for us to be accepted by God and enjoy a relationship with him.
- People have different reactions to Jesus' death: there are the busy soldiers; the proud religious leaders; the crowd-pleasing Pontius Pilate; the experience-seeking bystander; and the centurion who recognises that Jesus is “the Son of God”.

*talkback...*

7) Why do you think that Christians place so much emphasis on the cross?

8) What is your response to the cross? (That is – which of the five reactions to Jesus' death do you most relate to?)

9) If like the centurion you recognise that Jesus is “the Son of God”, how seriously is your life affected by the fact that your sin has been dealt with?