



# desert breeze community church

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**Jesusology**

## “Your Deepest Need”

Mark 2:1-12

Your worship of Him rises or falls with your concept of Him. The Gospel of Mark is about helping us to see, savor and ultimately show the real Jesus to this world.

There is a change that happens in the story of Jesus. Up to this point everybody is happy with Jesus. But, for the 1<sup>st</sup> time and increasingly after this incident you see people shocked, confused and furious about what Jesus is saying and doing.

### What Is True About My Deepest Need?

Mark 2:1-12

#### 1) Everyone has a mat. Who carries yours for you sometimes? (vv3-4)

- Without his friends he would have never made it to Jesus. (Eccl. 4:9-12)
- More than anything else God uses people to heal people. (1 John 4:12; Eph. 4:16; 1 Pet. 4:10-11)
- True friendships involve: Time, Trust and Truth. (Heb. 10:24-25; Eph. 4:15, 25)

#### 2) Everyone has problems. Are you in touch with your deepest need? (v5)

- The main problem in my life is never my circumstances it's always my character. (1 Pet. 1:7; James 1:2-4; John 16:33)

- Our biggest problem is that we build our life on something other than Jesus. (Heb. 12:26-28; Matt. 7:24-27; Jer. 17:5-8)
- Jesus is the only Savior that if you get Him will fulfill you and if you fail Him will forgive you. (Rom. 8:1-6; John 6:35; 1 John 1:9)

### 3) Jesus is more than a miracle worker He's the Savior of the World! Have you experienced the greatest miracle of all? (vv7-10)

- All of our sins are ultimately against Jesus (God). (Gen. 39:9; Ps. 51:4; Ex. 20:3)
- It is infinitely harder to forgive a person's sins than to heal his body. (He's pointing to the cross) (Heb. 9:22; Rom. 3:21-26)
- Jesus is aggressive with His grace. He comes at you and pours His grace into you even if you give Him the slightest of openings. It's not the size of your faith but the object that matters most! (Eph. 2:8-9; Matt. 5:3; James 4:6; Matt. 17:20)

February 22	“Brand New Life”	Mark 2:13-22
March 1	“Deep Rest”	Mark 2:23-3:6
March 8	“New Identity”	Mark 3:6-19
March 15	“Lunatic, Liar or Lord?”	Mark 3:20-35
March 22	Portland Vision	Topical
March 29	“How People Change”	Mark 4:1-20
April 5	“God Rules!”	Mark 4:21-34
April 10	“Relentless Love”	Good Friday
	(6:30 & 8PM @ Church Offices)	
April 12	<b>RESURRECTION</b>	Easter Sunday
	<b>“How It Changes Everything!”</b>	
	(1 Cor. 15:1-17, 30-32)	
	(8, 9:30, & 11AM @ O'Conner HS)	



# Growing

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1) When you go to a Dr. do you want him to tell you what you want to hear or what you need to hear? Explain. How does that relate to Bible study and our following of Jesus?

2) Read Mark 2:1-12. What important role do the Paralytic's friends play in his life? Why do you think God uses people to heal people? (1 John 4:12; Eph. 4:16; 1 Pet. 4:10-11) What are the three characteristics of true friendships from our Bible study?

3) How is it possible to think what you need is actually only a symptom of a much deeper need? How does that relate to Jesus' response to the Paralytic? How is Christ-centered character more important than circumstances in dealing with problems?

4) Why are the religious leaders shocked, confused and murderously angry? What does this tell us about who Jesus is and who sin is ultimately against?

5) Why is the forgiveness of sins the greatest miracle and our greatest need? Jesus obviously could read the Paralytic's motives and graciously pours His grace into his life. It's not the size but the object of your faith that matters most. Explain. Ask God to help you to make Jesus the fundamental trust of your heart in prayer.