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"Who do you say that I am?" This is the question that Jesus asked his disciple, Peter? And this is the question people asked throughout Jesus' earthly life. From his teachings to his healings and to the miracles he performed, people wrestled with the identity of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark was written to answer just this question—Who do you say Jesus is? And this question is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago when Jesus asked it of Peter? In our journey through the Gospel of Mark we will study the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus and ask ourselves, "Who do you say he is?"

As the Son of Man, Jesus heals and forgives, doing what only God himself can do.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

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And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. **2** And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. **3** And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. **4** And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. **5** And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” **6** Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, **7** “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” **8** And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? **9** Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? **10** But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he said to the paralytic— **11** “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” **12** And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

- To what lengths did these four friends go to get their paralytic friend to Jesus? In our own lives, to what lengths do we go to get near Jesus?
- If you were the paralytic and Jesus forgave your sin but didn’t say, “rise and walk,” how would you feel?
- Jesus demonstrates that healing and forgiveness are related? Why is this so? How are these associated with the kingdom of God?
- Jesus calls himself “the Son of Man.” What does this mean? Look to Daniel 7:13–14 for answers.
- Why were the scribes so infuriated by Jesus? What does this tell us about them and Jesus?
- What’s the difference between declaring sins forgiven and forgiving sins? Which one does Jesus do?
- Whose faith heals the man? What do you make of this? What implications might this have for us?
- Why did the men turn to Jesus for their friend? Where do we turn when we come up against insurmountable challenges?
- What does faith in Jesus look like in your life?

- As we reflect on Mark 2:1–12, what do we learn about Jesus?
- What in your life are you not allowing Jesus to heal or forgive? How can you give them thing to him and let him heal and forgive you?