

## WOODLANDS CHURCH

### February 9th 2020 Jesus Close up - Lord

#### Discussion notes: Mark 2:1-11

Intro: We are looking at Jesus from each of the four gospels in February. They offer their own perspective and unique narrative on Jesus while sharing common content.

The four gospels also offer a foundation for the whole of the new testament by being the foundation for four streams.

Matthew- Jewish (Hebrews James, Jude)

Mark -Petrine (Epistles of Peter)

Luke- Pauline (Acts & Epistles)

John - Johannine (Letters and Revelation)

Mark's gospel is not just linked with Peter's apostleship; its very tone, fast moving and full of action (the shortest gospel) reminds of the impulsive action man that Peter was. Mark 2 opens with the story of Jesus healing a paralysed man.

1. What is surprising about the opening words Jesus speaks to the paralysed man? Why do you think Jesus talked to him about sin when he was sick? Contrast this story with the healing of the paralysed man in John 5? What is similar and what is different?
2. What do you make of the reaction of the Jewish religious leaders? How was forgiveness mediated in Judaism (c.f. Leviticus 1-3)?
3. What is the link between authority and 'power' in this story? How much do we need power to back up or validate authority? (c.f. Luke 9:1)
4. Where did Jesus get his authority from?
5. How does the Lordship of Christ affect the authority of his followers?

In John 20:19-23 Jesus gives his disciples authority based on who He is not on their own innate goodness. Do we believe we have that high level of Spiritual authority too? Why? What difference does living under the lordship of Christ make to our lives?