

## Part 1 - The Unexpected Jesus

### *Mark 2:1-12*

1. Think back to a time when someone offended you. What needed to happen before a good relationship between the two of you could be restored?
2. Read [Mark 2:1-12](#). Imagine yourself as one of those in the house and describe the scene: the kind of people who were there, the room they were in, the events that shattered the calm of the teaching.
3. With what attitude and expectation did the paralytic and the four men come to Jesus ([Mark 2:3-5](#))?
4. When Jesus says that the man's sins are forgiven ([Mark 2:5](#)), what do you think must have been the reaction of the man and his friends?
5. Were the religious leaders justified in reacting as they did ([Mark 2:6-7](#))? Explain.
6. What answer do you suppose Jesus expected from this question: "Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk' " ([Mark 2:9](#))? Why?

**7.** Why did Jesus ask the question anyway ([Mark 2:10](#))?

**8.** Describe the reactions of the crowd.

**9.** How did Jesus both confirm and upset the expectations people of his day had about him?

**10.** How, if at all, has your understanding of Jesus changed through the study of this event in Jesus' life?