

# WHO IS JESUS?

The logo consists of a blue speech bubble shape. Inside, the words "talk it" are written in a white, bold, sans-serif font, and "over" is written in a white, cursive script font below it.

## Key Scripture-

Psalm 103.3-5

*Takeaway- Jesus is our healer.*

## GROW-

Mark 2.1-12

## LIVE-

***... who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.***

This psalm of David focuses on healing and forgiveness. In the ancient world physical illness- such as deformities, being blind, deaf or lame- were often believed to be a form of divine punishment. Somewhere an offense or wrong had been committed against God or someone else, and the physical ailment was a result of a spiritual sin. The belief was, in order for God to cure the physical need of the individual, he first had to ask forgiveness for the sin he had committed. God could be turned to for the forgiveness of sins, as well as the healing of diseases. In this song, the psalmist exalts God's compassion and grace as He does not treat the sinner as his sin deserves, but instead shows him mercy. God redeems or delivers the life from the grave, and gives the one previously diseased a new identity marked by love and compassion. Thus the crown became an outward symbol of God's work in the life of the afflicted, and His goodness of healing those who could not heal themselves.

## LOOK-

Where do you go for healing? How do you face illness and disease?

Do you believe your in sickness is due to your sin?

Do you believe God is punishing or condemning you by inflicting you?

## LOVE-

Jesus came and walked the earth to prove His divine authority over the physical restoration of our body, and our spiritual reconciliation to God the Father. And this psalm is a celebration of His supremacy to not only heal our physical condition, but to also bring healing into our spiritual disposition. It would have been easier for Him to simply meet people in their need and say, your sins are forgiven, without healing their physical condition. Instead, we often read about Him doing both. Where the physical took the miracle of faith or a His touch, the spiritual took the miracle of the Cross.