

Our Relationship With Jesus: His Followers Are Forgiven

Mark 3:22-30

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- Last Week: **Mark 3:13-19** His Followers Are Invited On His Mission

4 Sermons On Our Relationship With Jesus-

- Fan, Follower, Or Friend (**Mark 3:7-12**)
- His Followers Are Invited On His Mission (**Mark 3:13-19**)
- **His Followers Are Forgiven (Mark 3:22-30)**
- His Followers Are Family (**Mark 3:20-21, 31-36**)

***The Bible Has Difficult Passages _____ & _____ Seek God For Wisdom**

**Markian Sandwich* A-B-A*

3 Kingdom Lessons

1. _____ We Stand, _____ We Fall: Jesus Unites His Kingdom & Opposes Satan's Kingdom (**Mark 3:23-26**)
2. There Are _____ Kingdoms (**Mark 3:22-27, Acts 26:18**)
3. Whoever Is _____: Jesus Is Stronger Than Our Accuser (**Mark 3:27, Isaiah 49:24-25, Revelation 12:9-11**)

Beelzebul- (**2 Kings 1:2, Mark 3:22**) Satan Will Fly Around The Stinky Stuff Of Your Life & Will Accuse & Attack You

Unforgivable Sin

1. Notice That Jesus' Foes Do Not Deny The Miracles Of Jesus But They Attempt To Discredit Jesus By Claiming He Is Aligning With The Devil (**Mark 3:22, 30**)
2. Not All Sin _____ (**Mark 3:29**)
3. The Unforgivable Sin
 - Jesus Is The Only Human That Is _____ (**1 Peter 2:22-23**)
 - Passage Is Clearly _____ - Not The Father, Not The Son, But The Holy Spirit
 - **βλασφημέω** (blasphemeo) - slander, revile, defame; speak irreverently/impiously/disrespectfully of or about (**Mark 3:28-29**)
 - The _____, The _____ (**Mark 3:29**)

- 3 Reasons We Wonder About The Blasphemy Of The Holy Spirit
 1. _____: Intellectual Curiosity- I Am Curious About What It Means?
 2. _____: Have I Committed It? How Is My Relationship With God?
 3. _____: I Want To Do What I Want To Do, But I Don't Want To Go Too Far...
- 4. How Do You Relate With _____? (**Eph. 4:30, Isaiah 63:10, Acts 7:51, John 16:13, Romans 8:16**)
 - Through Jesus ...

Full Forgiveness

1. Jesus Affirms Forgiveness For _____
 - 'All Sins Will Be Forgiven The Children Of Man, And Whatever Blasphemies They Utter'
 - How?
2. _____ Has The Authority To Forgive (**Psalms 103:12, Isaiah 1:18, 38:17, 43:25, 44:22, Micah 7:19**)
3. _____ Has The Authority To Forgive— "My son, your sins are forgiven." (**Mark 2:5, Mark 10:45**)
4. *Jesus Can Fully Forgive Because He Has Fully Paid The Price For Forgiveness*

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. How does forgiveness mend a broken relationship? Can you share an example from your life?
2. Consider some of the reasons we wonder about the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? Which of the three reasons mentioned describes you best? Explain.
3. What would you say to someone who is afraid they have "blasphemed against the Holy Spirit"?
4. The gift of full forgiveness in Jesus is incredible, almost unbelievable. How can you enjoy this gift of forgiveness more fully? How can you share it more joyfully even when there is resistance?

Suggested Reading: *Forgiveness: "I Just Can't Forgive Myself!"* by Robert D. Jones

Key Words For Kids To Count: **Forgive, Forgiveness**