

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

September 6, 2026 – Sent by the King: The Unforgivable Sin

Main Passage: Matthew 12:30–37

Main Idea:

Jesus forgives every repentant sinner, but our words reveal whether our hearts have surrendered to the King or are still resisting Him.

1) The Decision No One Can Avoid (*Matthew 12:30*)

Supporting Scriptures: *Joshua 24:15; John 3:18; Romans 10:9–13*

- There is no neutral ground before Jesus: anyone who is not with Him is against Him, and anyone who does not gather with Him scatters.
- The Pharisees had all the evidence they needed, yet they chose power, pride, and position over surrendering to the King.
- The question is not whether Jesus has made Himself clear; the question is what we will do with Him.

2) The Forgiveness They Rejected (*Matthew 12:31–32*)

Supporting Scriptures: *Mark 3:28–30; Luke 12:10; Colossians 2:13; Romans 8:1*

- There is no sin a repentant sinner can bring to Jesus that His blood is unable to forgive. There is more grace in Jesus than sin in any of us.
- The Pharisees knowingly called the work of the Holy Spirit the work of Satan, revealing hearts that had hardened themselves against God's clear testimony concerning Jesus. Their rejection was personal, but because they were Israel's religious leaders, it also carried national consequences for that generation.

3) The Heart Their Words Revealed (*Matthew 12:33–35*)

Supporting Scriptures: *Proverbs 4:23; Luke 6:45; James 3:9–12*

- A tree is known by its fruit, and a heart is eventually known by its words. The mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.
- The Pharisees looked religious on the outside, but their words exposed hearts that were poisonous, hardened, and opposed to Jesus.

4) The Evidence We Will Give (*Matthew 12:36–37*)

Supporting Scriptures: *Romans 2:16; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 John 2:1*

- Every careless word matters because every word comes from the heart, and one day every word will be brought into evidence before the Judge.

- Our words do not purchase salvation, but they do testify to what we truly believe and what is stored in our hearts.

Takeaways

- There is no neutral ground before Jesus: we are either with the King or against Him.
- No sin is too great for the grace of God to forgive when a sinner turns to Jesus in repentance and faith.
- The unforgivable sin is not accidental words; it is settled, knowing rejection of the Holy Spirit's witness concerning Jesus.
- Our words are evidence of our hearts, so Jesus calls us to listen to ourselves and surrender again to Him.

Questions for Reflection

1. Am I with Jesus, or am I still standing against Him?
2. Have I received the forgiveness Jesus offers, or am I still trying to clean myself up on my own?
3. Am I resisting what the Holy Spirit is showing me about Jesus?
4. What do my words reveal about the condition of my heart?
5. Are my words gathering people to Jesus or scattering them away?

Bottom Line

Jesus forgives repentant sinners, but our words reveal whether we are surrendering to the King or resisting Him.

"We don't need a cleaner mouth; we need a changed heart."

"Our words are not the judge; Jesus is the judge. Our words are witnesses called to the stand."