

# Journey Through Mark: Unforgivable?

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## I. Confrontation

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**Key Truth:** There Are Times To Confront & Correct

## II. Blasphemy Against The Holy Spirit

Mark 3:22-30

v. 22

Accusation

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v. 23-27

Correction

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v. 28-30

Application

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Point: All Can Be Forgiven

## III. Setting The Record Straight

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**Mid-Week Devotion** (Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)

You needn't seek out confrontation. It will inevitably come because you are living in a world overflowing with opinions and perspectives. Technology has emboldened people's propensity toward self-expression and empowered their ability to tell the world anything, at any time. In many ways, what once was a marketplace of ideas has devolved into a cacophony of assumptions, rumors, and lies. When it comes to spiritual matters, unchecked hearsay can lead to heresy if not confronted and corrected with the truth.

Christ followers are called to be bearers of light in a world of darkness. It is vital to know when to speak up and when to hold one's tongue for the sake of peace and civility. There are times when we *must* confront and correct error because the stakes are so high and our silence would be tantamount to disobedience toward God. In all matters of life and living, especially this one; Jesus is our example and guide.

Jesus often confronted and corrected misinformation and misunderstanding about forgiveness. He was a bearer of the truth and a confronter of lies and wrongdoing. Because of His faithfulness and love, the world heard the good news of grace that enables all sin to be forgiven—provided that forgiveness is received. Unwillingness to be forgiven is the only unforgivable sin.

Have you accepted the free gift of salvation? When you are buffeted by self-doubt or criticized by others, are you able to lovingly and clearly communicate what God's Word actually says? Are you willing to grow in this ability?

Prayerfully assess your readiness as a light and truth bearer. Think about how God's love, strength, and truth can flow through you as His ambassador to the world. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you comprehend just how loved you are by God and how much good you can do for His glory and the proclamation of the Gospel. Commit to rely on God when the times of confrontation come.