



the gospel of **MARK**

What is the Unforgiveable sin?

Mark 3:20-35

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- vv. 20-22 “*He is out of his mind...possessed...*”
- Contrast w/ **‘sophronēo’**: “in one’s right mind; complete balance in line with God’s will”
 - Luke 15:17; Titus 1:5-2:15
- They conclude: *He must be aligned w/Satan.*

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- vv. 23-27 “*How can Satan cast out Satan?*”
- Jesus answers them with Logic.
 - A divided house cannot stand!
- He declares : *He is greater than Satan.*

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- vv. 28-30 *“...whoever blasphemes against the Spirit never has forgiveness ...”*
- Denying the sufficiency of God's grace and efficacy of Christ's work.
 - How can one be saved who rejects the very heart of the Gospel?

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- vv. 31-35 “Who are my mother and brothers?”
- Jesus EXPANDS the notion of Family
 - Not restricted to ‘ancestry’
 - Identified by Activity, Fruit & Obedience

Implications and Applications

- Have YOU received God's offer of Grace, restoration and salvation?
- Does your Christian life flow from “something you have to do” or “someone you are”?