

Hard Sayings of Jesus

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The Unforgivable Sin

¹⁰ *And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him.*
Luke 12:10 NASB

³¹ *“Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. ³² Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.*
Matthew 12:31-32 NASB

In what way is this a “hard saying of Jesus” – Hard to understand? apply? accept?

Blasphemy

What does “blasphemy” mean in general?

Can we blaspheme today? Is it forgivable?

Can we blaspheme against God the Father and be forgiven?

Can we blaspheme against Jesus and be forgiven?

Give an example of a person who blasphemed and was forgiven? I Tim 1:13

Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit

³ *He entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there whose hand was withered He *said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately*

began conspiring with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

⁷ Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee followed; and also from Judea, ⁸ and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, a great number of people heard of all that He was doing and came to Him. ⁹ And He told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the crowd, so that they would not crowd Him; ¹⁰ for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him.

¹¹ Whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they would fall down before Him and shout, "You are the Son of God!" ...

²² The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons." ...

²⁸ "Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but **whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin**" — ³⁰ because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit." Mark 3

Who is Beelzebul?

	Paul	Pharisees
Type of Blasphemy?		
Forgiven?		
Repentance Required?		
Type of Rejection?		
How Described?		
Know Better?		

What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?

Could Paul have blasphemed against the Holy Spirit? How?

Can we commit the unforgiveable sin today?

Is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit the same as apostasy (deliberate and decisive repudiation of Jesus as Lord)?

Other Related Scriptures: John 3:30, Hebrews 6:4-6

Assignment: Read and collect preliminary thoughts on next hard saying of Jesus:
Luke 10:18

