

Forgiveness **Mark 3:22-30**

The BIG Idea ... God delights in _____.

Psalm 86:5, "For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you." Isaiah 53:3, "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

The Accusations (verse 22)

1. Jesus is possessed by Beelzebul (the _____).
2. Jesus is casting out demons by the _____ of the prince of demons (the devil). 1 John 3:8, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

The Illustrations (verses 23-27)

- Jesus _____ what to do and what to say.
- When we've believed on Jesus, we know the One who has all the _____ to all of life's _____. Jesus has "the answer key!" Psalm 119:130, "The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple."

"How can Satan cast out Satan?"

1. A kingdom _____ against itself cannot _____.
2. You can't _____ a strong man's house without first _____ the strong man. Colossians 2:13-15, "God made us alive together with Jesus, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame by triumphing over them in him."

The Applications (verses 28-30)

1. _____ will be forgiven, and whatever blasphemies they utter ...
2. But whoever _____ against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an _____ sin.
 - The blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is committed when someone so hardens their heart against Jesus, that they _____ His power to Satan.
 - Jesus is speaking to the scribes and Pharisees; He is not speaking to His followers—and that's because this sin _____ be committed by a _____ in Jesus.

The Takeaways

1. Always _____ your heart. Proverbs 4:23, "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."
2. Live in the _____ and _____ of forgiveness. Ephesians 1:7-8, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us."
3. _____ Jesus. Hebrews 12:2, "Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."