

Sunday, February 18, 2024
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“The Unforgiveable Sin”

Matthew 12:22-37

Today's BIG IDEA:

Jesus can forgive sinful hearts, but he won't forgive stubborn ones.

1. A Big INQUIRY (v.22-24)

A. The searching crowd was _____ (v.23)

B. The stubborn Pharisees were _____ (v.24)

- *Every one of us has to answer this same question—who do we really believe Jesus is?*

2. Some Big _____ (v.25-29)

A. If Jesus is led by Satan, then Satan would be fighting himself (v.25-26)

B. If it takes Satanic power to cast out a demon, then why are some Jews trying to cast out demons? (v.27)
(Acts 19:13-16)

C. If a demon is going to be cast out, someone has to have authority over it (v.29)

D. If Jesus isn't Satan, and if he has authority over demons, then he must be the Messiah (v.28)

3. Some Big IMPLICATIONS (v.30-37)

A. Those who reject Jesus become his _____ (v.30)

- *You can either follow Jesus or fight against him, but there is no middle ground.*

B. Those who reject Jesus will not be _____ (v.31-32)

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C. Those who reject Jesus will be judged by their

_____ (v.33-37)
(Matthew 7:15-20)

- *Evil words come from an evil heart.*

4. The Big IDEA

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you ever find yourself stubbornly resisting the lordship of Jesus? How so? What needs to happen to break that stubbornness?
2. Why is a persistent, stubborn heart "unforgiveable"? How does Jesus' forgiveness give hope to all who come to him in humility?
3. Jesus said a tree would be known by its fruit. What kind of fruit are you producing? What kind of heart do your words and works portray?