

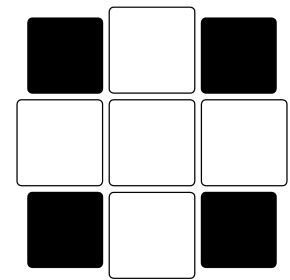
# The Sin God Doesn't Forgive

Scripture: **Matthew 12:31**

Series: **Paradoxology**: The Glory of the Gospel in the Difficult Sayings of Jesus

Sunday, January 4, 2015

Corroborating Texts: Matthew 12:22-30; Matthew 16:13-20;  
Colossians 1:13



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## Overview

The sin that God will not forgive will ruin you and rob you for all eternity.

## Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever done something that is so bad that you thought God could not forgive you? Are some sins beyond forgiveness? Is there any sin that another can commit against you that you would not forgive?
2. Has anyone ever asked you these questions? How did you respond to them? Have you ever struggled with these questions? What did you conclude?
3. What is demonic oppression? Look at Matthew 12:22ff. What are side effects, in this case, of the man's demonic oppression? Are there other instances that oppression is accompanied by side-effects in the New Testament? What are they?
4. What was Jesus's response to the accusation that he does this work by the power of the prince of demons? What stands out about the image of plundering the strong man's house? What does this tell us about Christ's work in the world?
5. Jesus draws the line in the sand in verse 30. Where do you stand? Are you a gatherer or a scatterer? Does your conviction line up with your action?
6. What is blasphemy, generally speaking? [speaking against God, breaking the third commandment] Take a few minutes in your community group meeting for silent reflection, letting individuals reflect on their blasphemy, confess it, and receive forgiveness. What is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? [Rejecting the gospel of Jesus Christ.]