



What is the Unforgivable

Sin?

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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

✝ Then he went home; Mark 3:19b RSV

Jesus has by now completed what we would refer to today as a spring Ministry tour of Galilee.

By using the Gospel scripture recordings of said events and of the people Jesus encountered we know that Christ our Lord traveled the entirety of Galilee. This being from His adoptive hometown of Capernaum of which Jesus has now returned from journeying all the "Way" down to the town of Nain near the Judean border.

But as for the reality of life in Jesus Time as for Christ's growing reputation & His traveling logistics: The total distance involved here is a meandering give or take 30 miles.

This does not sound like much for us today and there can be little doubt that the Roman highway system was very beneficial not only for Jesus and His Disciples but also later for the early Church.

Never the less many of the places Biblically documented of this journey were off of the main highway meaning they were only reachable by foot using walking trails or at best secondary trade paths when and where they were available thusly making travel a slow and arduous process.

Of course some roadside or travel Inn's did exist under private or Roman protection for subsistence and supply, however most remote locations off of the well beaten paths were typically barren of provision.

This was just like camping having to pack & carry ones clothing, sleeping gear, and also food and water. These were a must while seeking replenishment at known merchant spots and public water sources.

Our point being here is just as it is for us today- in Jesus Time traveling was not only tough especially with a large group of people, yet also safer in numbers but also again like today being quite expensive.

Hence by using the Chronological order as for the comparing of the Gospel accounts;

Dr. Luke has just previously mentioned in our last lesson that he credits several wealthy women chiefly Mary Magdalene as Disciples attending and serving while directly financially supporting Christ.

As in Jesus now has acquired the means of support for a direct traveling Ministry first by taking short trips within Galilee and later to include Judea. This is after Jesus had already been to the half Gentile Samaria, and to include even later some of the full Gentile areas of Perea, Decapolis, & Syro-Phoenicia.

Meaning Christ traveling as He wills was a very serious religious threat not only unto the Pharisee's, but now He is also a political threat unto those in authority in the Roman province of Syria/Israel/Turkey.

As in the growing concern of Herod and of Rome is that if this preacher teacher Jesus of Nazareth, who grows more famous by the day is also rumored to have supernatural abilities did decide to unite the Jews & Arabs to initiate an uprising well you get the idea. Remember to those in power their worst fear was losing their power or even getting a challenge that costs them time money or prestige in Caesars eyes.

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✝ and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. Mark 3:20 RSV

Jesus's traveling entourage having much expanded in order to serve Him is by now helping Him facilitate the large crowds for the Teaching/Preaching/Healing aspects of Christ's Ministry. Meaning it was also nearly impossible for Jesus to go anywhere without immediately being noticed by anyone pro or foe.

In fact this was literally the job of Jesus's Apostles and His Disciples to be sure that our Lord was noticed. Including His returning home and with the authorities meaning the Pharisee's knowing Jesus's continual whereabouts having pre arraigned accusations and confrontations preceding Christ's arrival awaiting Him at nearly every destination.

✠ Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and unable to speak was brought to Jesus, and He healed him so that the man who was unable to speak talked and could see. ²³ And all the crowds were amazed and were saying, “This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?”

Matthew 12:22-23 NASB

We have studied before the Old Testament Prophecies of Jesus.

The Divine human, King Messiah, High Priest, Saving Christ, our Lord of all- of each Joseph & King David as the Jewish accepted prototypes of the two coming Christ's within Jewish Theology.

Because even unto this very day Israel still does not want to comprehend that each aspect of Messiah, His first coming as a suffering servant in order to provide GOD'S "Way" for us as Sinful people to qualify to enter into "Thy Kingdom Come." Then for Him to come again a second time as the Conquering King in order to initiate and establish "Thy Kingdom Come" at the proper appointed time. This is not two separate men, but indeed the very same Divine King & Saving Christ arriving with two separate Advents. First to provide His only "Way" into GOD'S Kingdom & then later to establish it.

So this is Why? The people present at this astounding triple miracle were so astonished that they asked amongst themselves can this Jesus this now accepted by the people as a humble serving Joseph style man, can He really also be the coming mighty Conquering King?

This very same humble but firm yet polite and understanding while forgiving & healing preacher? Can he really be both? A suffering Joseph & Conquering King David? Right Question!

See just how close Israel really actually was in Jesus Time to understanding Him as their King Christ.

Wrong Answer: But nay due to manmade superstitions of tradition while including false pious religious leaders not yet ready to surrender their authority & to put it bluntly Christ's true message of Salvation. Because this requires an effort of repentance gaining our forgiveness by a true Faithful change of heart.

Again not being Saved simply by ones heredity & self determinations especially for the Jews is difficult.

As the Bible has prophesized; Israel today remains estranged from her Messiah, but is predicted to reconcile with Him- Jesus as Messiah King, Divine Christ, Lord & Savior as and when He does return during His Second Coming when it is His time to implement His Heavenly Fathers Thy Kingdom Come.

But imagine witnessing this triple miracle.

To see a demonically possessed man, meaning violent and nearly uncontrollable while also being each blind and unable to speak intelligibly suddenly miraculously healed & made completely whole.

Imagine seeing the stunning instant result through Jesus of this man now standing, seeing, and speaking with clear thought and peace.

One can not help but to wonder; was this man ever previously known to strain in his darkness with anger or malice with these being demonic attributes trying to assault those he could sense and hear near? Also Jewish legend held that only the Messiah to come would cast out deaf/dumb demons.

Question? Did a desperate family bring him before Christ or was he actually brought to Capernaum by the Pharisee's thinking this Jesus can never heal Him! & even if He does we will have a response ready.

✠ 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." Mark 3:22 NASB

Capernaum is north or up from Jerusalem, however being at a much higher sea level elevation so down. Jerusalem Scribes had arrived most likely from the Temple or from one of the two competing Torah Universities. Already being in Capernaum as in awaiting Christ's return with this prearranged lame rebuke for any unexplainable supernaturally Divine miracles that Jesus may do.

The local Pharisees are now also following along with the Jerusalem Scribes lead.

✝ But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.”

Matthew 12:24 NASB

First things first; Beelzebul or Beelzebub as another known alternate spelling do each in English mean “Chief of devils” i.e. satan.

satan means adversary opposing (GOD) and Beelzebul is a title as for satan’s authority over the fallen demons.

Again a Persian etymon being a morphing legend holds Beelzebul as a name meaning lord of Sin. In other words these Jerusalem religious authorities were ready, or at least they thought they were ready, to denounce and condemn Jesus when He used supernatural Divine power with Holy insight for when He for free helped people in GOD’S need.

As in Jesus was the real deal He healed! While Christ asked for nothing in return save for ones repentance from Sin, and then for them to credit Heavenly Father for their miracle. Because- You see the Pharisee’s charged money even to Pray for someone usually with little or no results. They also often gave out ridiculous superstition as a remedy within a time frame that a person would either heal or pass away & then the Pharisee’s would claim credit or say it was GOD’S Will.

Also do not forget being accused of “sorcery” as in demonic power, was a capitol punishment in Jesus Time usually brining a stoning unto death. Yes, these charges of being empowered by satan was in fact a death sentence when said charges reached their ultimate conclusion within their very own Pharisical courts.

This is Why? Time and again when Jesus healed someone the Pharisee’s over and over tried to get the person He had healed to denounce Christ, as in to confirm their healing was by evil.

This would have given the Pharisee’s the excuse they needed to rid themselves legally of Jesus.

It astounded and confounded the Pharisee’s when the people that Jesus healed always respected and honored Him more than they feared them His false accusers.

They- the Pharisee’s, being absent of Christ’s “Way” rarely ever truly helped anyone.

Remember this charge accusing Jesus of “sorcery” of being evil by using satan’s power was just brought against Christ by legal Scribes from Jerusalem.

As in they had to and did legally document everything.

Meaning if Matthew’s Biblical account be true-

As in the recording of these charges they should and would be within the Jewish legal records.

They are.

The Babylonian Talmud has multiple Tractate recordings legally filed against Jesus of Nazareth as for His supernatural unexplainable impossible miracles by using demonic influence and power.

While within Christendom:

The works of Justin Martyr “Dialogue with Trypho 69; Origen against Celsus I.28.” also confirms.

All of this proves that the miracles of Christ Jesus are true!

Undenied & independently non-Biblically legally verified.

Think about that; Jesus gave sight to the blind, the lame were made quick, lepers cleansed, demons cast out, hearing to the deaf, & even the dead were raised- including Himself. VERIFIED!

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✝ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables:

“How can Satan drive out Satan?”

Mark 3:23 NIV

✝ Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand; ²⁶ and if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I cast out demons by Be-el’zebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.

Matthew 12: 25-27 RSV

Knowing exactly what someone is thinking; what their motivations are & feeling what they are feeling or as with this instance; Jesus discerning what the Scribes and Pharisee’s were scheming & plotting. Meaning Jesus being Divine hears our thoughts. For example the Lord knew when Judas was guileful. Meaning Jesus knowing our very thoughts just as easily as we can hear one another speak is proof of Christ’s “omniscience” as in the Divine state of knowing everything.

We can hide or lie within our words or even within our thoughts unto ourselves but never to GOD.

Jesus stated the fact that when people, families, and even nations not just squabble but outright fight amongst themselves; friendships, relationships, & organizations fracture and then they will fall apart.

Of course what is unsaid here is; the day to day, miracle by miracle, lesson next lesson, that Jesus is pouring out of Himself continually against the demonic evil- is all the while facing more growing opposition by those who are supposedly GOD’S teachers of Israel. (If your not with me you are against me vs. 30)

Jesus next points out that “your sons” i.e. Jewish men being Pharisaical students also claiming to be exorcists because of the Jewish teaching religious novel “Tobit” considered extra non canonical by Jews and Protestants alike. In Tobit 6:7, 16-17, 8:2-3 is exorcism by using a fish. Likewise within Josephus Antiquities VIII.2.5 confirms Jesus’s Words as historically correct. While more importantly Christ’s Apostles, also Jewish men they were also by now at this time publicly healing and casting out demons by GOD through the Holy Spirit using the name of Jesus.

They- Christ’s Apostles, Jewish men were empowered by the Holy Spirit through Christ in Jesus Time. However later at the first Pentecost post our Lords Heavenly Ascension, the Holy Spirit begins to indwell each & every believer at Faith of Belief/Salvation. (Acts 2) With each believer having different gifts.

Meaning likewise along with the casting out of demons, our Lord’s Apostles were also healing & teaching for free!

As a result of this insult that Christ is evil, Jesus now concludes with this sentence being a startling Revelation: These very same Faithful Apostles of mine WILL be the Judges of Israel not you!

Peter asks Jesus what is the reward of the 12 Apostles?

✝ Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

²⁸ And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (12 Apostles/12 Tribes)

Jesus continues all in Him having left behind worldly desires shall be rewarded and have eternal life in Christ.

²⁹ And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Matthew 19:27-29 KJV

✝ Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Blasphemy is one of those “big” words that most of us know means a negative connotation concerning GOD. The classic Websters Christian Dictionary simply says “Blasphemy” is calling GOD or insinuating something of GOD, like His rules or His Law or even His human Son Jesus as evil.

Jesus makes it plain here that the unforgivable Sin is insulting Him-
The third person of the Trinity, The Holy Spirit.

Why? Can questing GOD about our own existence, or wondering why people suffer or die, or even saying i do struggle with submitting my life to Jesus Christ, are indeed all forgivable but not offending the Holy Spirit?

Again Why? Are these issues by Christ’s own very Words meaning literally from the Living Word portion of GOD Himself in His Words forgivable, as in if we repent and respectfully with reverence and humility honor and accept GOD through His Savior Jesus The/Our Christ. (Messiah)

But NOT or never is forgiveness ever possible after Blaspheming the Holy Spirit.

You just read the answer my friend.

Get that?

Salvation by Faith, our Justification by GOD’S Grace tis the Plan of the Great I AM. Heavenly Father. Jesus our Christ, again the Living Word portion of GOD became human and completed GOD’S plan. So now it is the job of the Holy Spirit to convict and convince our hearts that we need GOD’S plan. Meaning when we reject Jesus as our Savior we reject all three Father ~ Son ~ Holy Spirit. (~ = to) We deny GOD’S Holiness by denying Christ thusly by default we are embracing our very own will, intellect, and worldly passions being pleasure or gain equal to a self centered life apart from GOD. Simply put we are lost when we deny Christ and His Cross. This is the ONLY unforgivable Sin.

The Word/Law of GOD- explained by Jesus, Isaiah 5:20 KJV & John 3:17-19 AMP

✝ Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

²¹ Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

✝ ^{Because} Whoever believes and has decided to trust in Him [as personal Savior and Lord] is not judged [for this one, there is no judgment, no rejection, no condemnation];

but the one who does not believe [and has decided to reject Him as personal Savior and Lord] is judged already [that one has been convicted and sentenced], because he has not believed and trusted in the name of the [One and] only begotten Son of God [the One who is truly unique, the only One of His kind, the One who alone can save him].

¹⁹ This is the judgment [that is, the cause for indictment, the test by which people are judged, the basis for the sentence]: the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

Jesus further explained his closing remarks:

✠ I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, ³⁷ for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Matthew 12:36 ESV

Jesus is speaking upon GOD'S Law what the Pharisee's were supposed to be teaching.

So Why? Would Christ our Lord now inform the rebellious Pharisee's that they were now personally in danger of Hell's Fire when they condemn Him. (For the Jews: Sanhedrin 10:1 Lawbreakers go to Hell.)

Because as every Sunday School student learns be they Orthodox, Protestant, or Catholic- Jesus our Christ IS the Divine embodiment and fulfillment of all of GOD'S Word & Law.

Because

✠ I AM He (Jesus) that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I AM alive (GOD/human) for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Rev. 1:18 KJV emphasis added.

Jesus had already once before in Jerusalem previously fully explained Himself to the Pharisee's. They have now considered and rejected His explanation. This despite His many evident miracles. In fact they now attribute Him & them His signs for being Divine as evil. This be the only Unforgivable Sin- Rejecting Him Jesus, & considering Him evil.

✠ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. ²² Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. ²⁴ “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. ³⁰ By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

John 5:21-30 NIV

It has been said our words are outward evidences of our inward character.

Our words are our thoughts, hopes, motivations, designs, and even our dreams spoken aloud.

To call fair foul and foul fair (Macbeth) based upon Isaiah 5 of calling good evil and sweet bitter-

Words do have power and mean so much so that the Lord of all Creation does listen to our every word. After all He spoke and by His Word the world, universe, and everything in it were/are made.

So Holy GOD of all does take very seriously our words with their intent because He took His time by His Divine Design to bring about each of us within His proper time. As in brought into His existence.

His reality His everything our lives are not our own beyond a certain point for we all belong to GOD.

Yes, by our words we are Saved or condemned because we speak our true inner beliefs.

Those who Blaspheme GOD by denying Jesus as their Saving Messiah Christ are mocking His Grace of Faith, insulting Him by denying good and living within evil & tis again the Unforgivable Sin.