

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

# The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

# I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

## 4. The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53

(Matthew 12:22-37)

*“When is SIN unforgiveable?”*

*Observing the Pharisee’s sin*

## Outline –

1. It was Pre-meditated vv. 22-23
2. It was false testimony v. 24
3. It was illogical vv. 25-26
4. It was opposed to God vv. 27-30
5. It was unforgiveable vv. 31-32
6. It was evil vv. 33-37

## 1- It was Pre-meditated vv. 22-23

### A. Observations:

- The set-up v. 22a (cf. Mt. 12:14)
- The Messianic miracle v. 22
- The multitudes response v. 23

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4. It was opposed to God vv. 26b-30
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6. It was evil vv. 33-37

## 2- It was false testimony v. 24

### A. Observations:

#### ➤ The response of the Pharisees:

- “This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of demons.”
- Βεελζεβοὺλ = Lord of the flies, dung-god, (a Philistine deity)
- Their choice was either God or Satan

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### 3- It was illogical vv. 25-26

#### A. Observations:

- Jesus' omniscience (note the intended irony) v. 25a
- The parable v. 25b
- The summary v. 26a
- The question v. 26b



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## 4- It was opposed to God vv. 27-30

### A. Observations:

- Exposing their opposition v. 27
- Exposing their truth suppression v. 28
- The parable v. 29
- The summary v. 30

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## 5- It was unforgiveable vv. 31-32

### A. Observations:

#### ➤ Conclusion v. 31

- “will be forgiven”
- “will not be forgiven”

#### ➤ Comparison v. 32

- “A word against the Son of Man”
- “whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit”
- “in this age or in the age to come.”

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## 6- It was evil vv. 33-37

### A. Observations:

- The parable v. 33
- Confrontation v. 34
- Explanation v. 35
- Expectation vv. 36-37

## Is it possible to commit this sin today?

➤ No! For 4 reasons:

1) It was national and not individual. (cf. vv. 39, 41, 42)

2) It was during the Messiah's earthly ministry.

3) It was rejecting the testimony of the Holy Spirit.

4) This testimony was given to the nation of Israel.

## The consequence for the nation of Israel:

- 1) The kingdom offer is rescinded
  - No longer “at hand”
  - Sharp change in Jesus’ ministry.
  
- 2) That generation is under special divine judgment.
  - Fulfilled in 70 A.D.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> time Israel experienced this.
    - First – Kadesh Barnea Num. 13-14
    - Second – Manasseh 2 Kings 21:10-16







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