

# Jesus Is Forgiving: Former Blasphemers Are Welcome

Mark 3:20-30

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1. Who was Jesus according to His generation? Mark 3:20-22
  - a. The multitudes thought him **divine** (verse 20)
  - b. His own people thought him **deranged** (verse 21)
  - c. The religious establishment thought him **demonic** (verse 22)
    - i. He is **possessed** of a demon – Beelzebub – the Lord of flies.
    - ii. He is **servicing** the devil - - by the ruler of demons...
2. Who is Jesus to this generation? Mark 3:23-30
  - a. Jesus is the answer to Satan's **supplanters**
    - i. Satan will not fight **himself** (Verse 24)
    - ii. Satan will not **divide** his kingdom – (verse 25-26)
  - b. Jesus is the answer to Satan's **strongholds**. Verse 27
  - c. Jesus is the answer to sin's **strangleholds**. (verse 28)
  - d. Jesus sounds the alarm to Satan's **strategy** – verse 29-30
    - i. **All sin** can be forgiven!
    - ii. **One sin** will never be forgiven.
      1. The specific sin in Jesus day was the **blasphemy of the Holy Spirit**.
      2. The specific sin today is only one: **rejection** of the spirit's work!

Conclusion: Who is Jesus to you?