



*Blasphemy
of the
Holy Spirit*

Matthew 12:31-32

The Text

- Blaspheme: to speak or act against (Matt. 12:31-32; Ezek. 20:27; 1 Tim. 1:13; cf. Lk. 5:21).
- Notice the flow of the argument in Matthew.
- Consider the role of the Spirit in the history of God's communication with man.



God's Forgiveness

- God has consistently shown his willingness to forgive the penitent heart (Joel 2:12-13; Jer. 26:3).
- Paul uses his own life as an illustration that God will forgive even the most extreme cases (1 Tim. 1:13-15; Eph. 3:8; 1 Cor. 15:9).
- No exceptions are given in 1 John 1:9.
- Compare this to language in Hebrews (6:4-9; 10:26).



Blasphemy in Action

- In two cases we see the warning of Jesus play out (Acts 13:45-46; 18:6).
- Hymenaeus and Alexander blasphemed (1 Tim. 1:19-20).
- Paul was a blasphemer (1 Tim. 1:13).

