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Matthew 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton & a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’

Matthew 9:34 But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”

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- *The people (read non-religious types) see Messianic overtones*
 - *The Pharisees (read religious) say He is working with “The satan”*
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We ask why is there suffering? The Satan & freedom of choice is your answer

- a) *God is a Trinity = at His core He is relational*
 - b) *We are then created out of their essence...relational*
 - c) *There is only relationship where freedom exists*
 - d) *Where freedom exists the choice is always there to walk away*
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Psalm 25:11 For Your Name's sake Oh LORD pardon my guilt BECAUSE it is great.

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- What is “blasphemy”? It is contempt for God
 - And what is “contempt” = the assumption that someone is beneath consideration
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Math. 9:2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.”

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John 16:8 And when He (the Holy Spirit) comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: [9] concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;
John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful & just to forgive us our sins & to cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness.
John 1:8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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Jesus is defining the power of repentance before God:

- *We are saying HE is God, He is worth our consideration*
 - *& we are lost & in great need of His forgiveness which only He can give*
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➤ *On the one hand anything can be healed THROUGH the incredible Holy Spirit AND repentance = honesty & humility*

➤ *BUT... Without the 2 together NOTHING can be forgiven*

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Matt. 7:22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ [23] And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

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The paradox that:

- a) God is enormously willing to forgive
 - b) & yet people can put themselves beyond God's desire & power to forgive them
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John 1:14 And the Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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It works before you repent & AFTER you repent - When we do not forget:

- *The great lengths God has gone to, to forgive us*
 - *And how Holy He is, not just loving & forgiving but HOLY*
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