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JESUS WAS OUTRAGEOUS!

Jesus was "meek" which the Greek word means "awesome power under control" by choice, much like a horse is controlled by the bit in the mouth to direct that awesome power. Jesus did not sugar coat HIS words so people would always hear nice gentle words they liked and think He was a Godly guy because of how "kind" His words were when he spoke to people, because the mainspring of His heart was the mainspring of God the Father's heart, and Jesus heart was perfectly aligned with God. The Greek word "kind" actually means "useful" so the verse "Be kind to one another" is not about sugar coated words, but about "Be useful to one another".

This is why Jesus said He always spoke as His Father wished, even though Jesus the man had total control over his tongue and brain, so Jesus could have always spoken to people in gentle, kind, nice words, but did NOT!

In fact, Jesus' spoken words OUTRAGED vast numbers of people, if we just open our hearts to see that 55 disciples early on abandoned him, how he took a whip to scream angrily to run many men out of the Temple, and in Luke 11:37-54 that Jesus was very confrontational wherever He saw evil, starting with LEADERS, as an example for us to confront evil, not sugar coat it, so instead of speaking all kind and gentle, he outraged them with truth and they assailed him in outrage and fury at His words of truth.

Luke 11:37 "And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat. 38 When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner. 39 Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. 40 Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you. 42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. 43 Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. 44 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them."

45 Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also."

(How outrageous of Jesus to reproach educated Religious Leaders as if they were just like the regular sinners!)

46 And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. 47 Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48 In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. 49 Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,' 50 that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, 51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. 52 "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered." ("lawyers" were teachers of scripture, not attorneys)

53 And as He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to **assail Him vehemently**, and to cross-examine Him about many things, 54 lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him."

SO... still want to "be like Jesus", or be known as a "real nice guy" so people think you are Godly because you speak all gentle and kind by avoiding speaking truth like it was a horrible, hurtful plague? Choose.

I submit the latter choice is exactly what has ruined our Pulpits, our nation, and our very purpose in life to be Salt and Light to the world so they can see and know our God Jehovah of the Holy Bible and align the mainspring of their hearts with the heart of our God, as Jesus did. We don't really want to be like Jesus, because that **REQUIRES** us to speak "truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth, so help us God" that we swear on the Bible to do in our Courts, but avoid doing it anywhere else where it is so vital to God's interests.

554 elected "Leaders" in Washington DC and the vast majority of our Pulpits do not speak truth and are not confronted with truth by we the people, because **OUR** hearts have the mainspring of our own selfish interests instead of God's interests, which is to make America truly great under God as it was in our Founding Fathers days when America was greatest because it was truly "under God", the **ONLY** thing **ALL** our Leaders agreed upon, in Washington DC, in every State Legislature, and in **EVERY** Pulpit.

Jesus was **OUTRAGEOUS** so I strive to be outrageous like Jesus, a claim Christians speak? I don't think so.

Jesus (and how I strive to be) was indeed **OUTRAGEOUS**, defined today by society as "not conventional or matter-of-fact", "exceeding the limits of what is usual", "deficient in propriety or good taste" as determined by society, so unless we are also outrageous, we are **NOT** like Jesus, but just fooling ourselves to think we are, while in truth we say nothing or we talk all nice and gentle while our nation is going to hell, but hey, that is the result of **OUR** choice to be seen by people as being "nice guys" instead of choosing to be like Jesus and speak truth in love to confront evil everywhere we see that it exists, including and starting with our "**LEADERS**" we the people choose! That goes for elected leaders in Government and in Pulpits. Yes, I am outrageous to say it.

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