



Many of the things **you** have resisted about church are the things the **church** should have resisted.

The Temple Model

- Sacred **places**
- Sacred **texts**
- Sacred **men**
- Sincere **followers**

The Jesus Model – Entirely New

- New **Covenant**
- New **Command**
- New **Ethic**
- New **Movement**

Here's what we will discover:

The Jesus model is

far _____ ...

BUT

far _____.

Why? Because in the old temple model of religion, there is always a place to hide. Every religious system has loopholes, and loopholes produce hypocrites. But it is nearly impossible to hide from the teachings of Jesus.

*“As **I** have **loved** you, so you must **love** one another.”*

John 13:34 (NIV)

It's hard to hide from that!

When it comes to the Jesus model, almost all of us know the answer to this question:

What does love _____ of me?

A bit of history –

In the first three centuries of the Christian Church, the reason the Church had success was because these were the only things they had to go on:

- A resurrected Messiah
- We are to do for others what Jesus did for us

In the 4th century, Christianity became the dominant faith of the Roman Empire and everything changed. Christians went from being a persecuted minority to an empowered majority.

When Christians became a **majority** they began exercising temple-brand **authority**.

In the 16th century, the Reformation took place as a protest against what the church had become.

Reformation

- **Sola** scriptura

Eventually...

The Bible became a _____.

LOVE LOST

Two ideas about the church that will set us apart as a church that is known for radical, irrational hospitality.

1. The church is a _____, not an _____.

*Now you are the **body** of Christ, and **each one** of you is a **part** of it.*

I Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

The Temple model is all about _____.

The Jesus model is all about _____.

2. **Authority** is exercised for the benefit of the _____ not the _____.

*You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise **authority** over them.*

Matthew 20:25 (NIV)

Not so with you.

Matthew 20:26a (NIV)

*Instead, whoever wants to become great among you
must be your **servant**, and whoever wants to be first must be
your **slave**.*

Matthew 20:26b-27 (NIV)

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