

# A FORMAL APOLOGY

*And An Unconditional Invitation*

Context:

Pharisees:

Confidence based on:

Pharisees

Jews

Guardians of the Law

Healthy & Wealthy

Eating wasn't just about a meal.

Who you ate with indicated who you  
Socially Identified with.

Deuteronomy 28—Poor, crippled, lame  
and blind see

Luke 5.30—"Why do you eat and drink  
with tax collectors and sinners?"

Compel:

Anagkazo - Not to coerce, but to  
plead, or to beg. Denotes humility.

Vocation vs Status:

Receive the Invitation

Embody God's Character

Attract World to Invitation

Humble Servant Love

Badge of Righteousness

Holy Club

Saved Club

More Favored Club

More Blessed Club

Morally Superior

Judge/Look Down On / Dis-  
dane (the very ones they were  
to Serve)

## The Jesus Dialogue

"I like your Christ; I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ."— Mahatma Gandhi

Luke 14.1-23— . . . Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' 'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

Isaiah 55.1—"Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost.

Genesis 22.18— In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

Exodus 21.10—If he marries another woman, he must not deprive the first one of her food, clothing and marital rights.

Exodus 23.29, 30—I will not drive them out before you in a single year, that the land may not become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. I will drive them out before you little by little, until you become fruitful and take possession of the land.

1Samuel 8.22—The LORD answered, "Listen to them and give them a king."

Leviticus 18.7,23—Do not dishonor your father by having sexual relations with your mother. She is your mother; do not have relations with her

"God Is Love"—1 John 4:8

\*All texts quoted from the TNIV unless otherwise noted.

First time we see God with no concessions. Original Invitation to All People.

Nationalism/All People  
Endless Rules / Scandalous Grace  
Violence/Die For His Enemies

Jesus doesn't fit their BOX

Who Lose at the Religious Game  
Who Lose at the Holy Game  
Outsiders and Marginalized  
The ones Jesus hung out with.  
THEY GET IT.

Invitation is not based on anything  
inside of them.  
Least incline to judge, oppress, or  
tread on others.

Outcasts, Outsiders, Misfits, Down  
Cast, YOU ARE MY NEW TRIBE!  
(crucified between two thieves)

Punchline: You who so smugly and  
arrogantly judge me and this man I  
healed, So assured based on your religion,  
nationalism, health and wealth,  
with out Knowing it you are rejecting  
the invitation while the guy I just  
healed, he just took the first bite of the  
feast. Real irony is that banquet is not  
future, it was right in front of them.

Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it.  
A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations  
with it; that is a perversion.

**Hosea 4.16**—The Israelites are stubborn, like a stubborn mule. How then  
can the LORD pasture them like lambs in a meadow?

**Matthew 23.37**— Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones  
those who are sent to her!

**John 1.14**—And the Word became flesh.

**Luke 14.24**—I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste  
of my banquet. (note: without knowing it they are rejecting the invitation.)

**Matthew 21.31**—Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you that the tax collectors  
and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you.

## How Does This Apply To Us?

### Warning:

### Promise:

**1 Timothy 1.15**—Here is a saying that everybody should repeat: Christ  
Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

**Luke 6.41**—Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in someone else's  
eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?



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