

**WITH THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS
AND HIS 'KINGDOM'
PERSPECTIVE IN MIND,**

**HOW WOULD ONE
SPEAK TODAY IN THE IDIOM OF
THE PEOPLES POLITICAL
ECONOMY
OF TRUSTEESHIP
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As I listened to the political harangues of 2015 , I thought about the ways in which secular political loyalties and adversarial competitiveness have undermined the concept of the Kin[g]dom of God – of inclusive justice expressed in a Peoples Political Economy as a Covenant involving both the Gift of life and the Trusteeship required of humanity with our unique gifts of consciousness and refection .

It made me wonder what anyone taking seriously the example of Jesus, and invited to give a speech on any political platform, would say.

If invited and true to the example of Jesus, would he/she get thrown out mid-speech for disturbing radicalism – for getting at the roots of our social, political economic culture’s remorseless drift from a personal and societal culture of unremitting love and totally inclusive justice?

Many , including ardent Christians, would be shocked if anyone today seriously following Jesus’ example, were invited. Many would be even more surprised if the microphone was not cut-off after few poignant points.

Because here are some things I think he or she would say about our current culture that would deeply disturb current conventions and culture.

“You have heard some of my opponents say that we must kill and destroy every last member of ISIS... But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who hate you, so that you can become God’s children!”

“You have heard some of my opponents say that we must find ways around the drug shortage for executions in America, but I tell you: Let he who is without sin administer the first injection!”

“You have heard some of my opponents say that we are exceptional, but I tell you: No, we are not! There is none exceptional except for God.”

“You have heard some of my opponents say that the poor should go and find their own healthcare, but I tell you: Woe to you who say this yet will not touch their burdens with your own fingers.”

“You have heard some of my opponents downplay the seriousness of police violence against minorities in our country, but I tell you: It would be better for one to fling themselves into the sea than to harm a child.”

“You have heard some of my opponents say there’s nothing wrong with a Christian being filthy rich, but I tell you: It will be easier for a camel to fit through a needle’s eye than it will be for a rich Christian to enter heaven!”

“You have heard some of my opponents say there’s nothing wrong with corporate wealth and greed, but I tell you: Just wait and see what I’m going to do at the temple this passover.”

“You have heard some of my opponents say that we must get rid of all restrictions on guns, but I tell you: If you want to follow me you must put away your weapons! If you live by them, you’ll die by them.”

“You have heard some of my opponents say we must be tougher in the area of justice, but I tell you: Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy.”

“You have heard some of my opponents say we should build a giant wall to keep people out, but I tell you: Invite the poor, the lame, and the blind—then you will be blessed because they cannot repay you.”

“You have heard some of my opponents say we must be bold and draw hard lines in our churches, but I tell you: What sorrow awaits you who slam the door to the Kingdom of Heaven in people’s faces!”

“You have heard some of my opponents say we must return mandatory prayer to our public schools, but I say: you hypocrites! You love to pray in public where everyone can see you. Instead you should go to your house, close the door, and pray to your father in secret.”

“You have heard some of my opponents say we must ‘stand with Israel’, but I tell you: Oh, Israel! You who kill God’s messengers. How I longed to stand with you, but you would not receive me. You will not see me again until you are ready to bless me.”

“You have heard some of my opponents say we must pass laws ensuring that we don’t have to bake cakes for gay weddings, but I tell you: If a gay person asks you to bake a cake for their wedding, bake them two!”

“You have heard some of my opponents on both sides say we need to ‘take this country back’ but I tell you: It will be the meek, not the politically powerful, who will inherit this country.

“You have heard some of my opponents promoting ‘rugged individualism’ and that the poor must fend for themselves, but I tell you: Depart from me! For I was thirsty and you didn’t give me water. I was hungry and you didn’t feed me. I was naked and you didn’t clothe me. I was a prisoner and you didn’t visit me. I was an immigrant, but you tried to keep me out.”

See? I just don't think the message of Jesus would be all that popular today in many Christian universities. These are just a few of the things Jesus said that I think would rub our culture the wrong way, but I'm sure there are many, many more that would offend people on both sides of the political spectrum.

In the end, I know the message of Jesus is crazy. But it's the only message I've found that's beautiful enough to give my life for- so this message of Jesus is where you'll keep finding me, regardless of whether or not he ever gets invited to speak at on any political platform.

*From within my consciousness rises a loving Presence, a radiant Light,
a divine Voice that illuminates me and shows me the Way to return to It.*

