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**Offense:** annoyance or resentment brought about by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself or one's principles.

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1. Jesus may cause offense by not speaking or acting in a manner I expect or want. This indicates that Jesus may have different values, plans, and priorities than I do. Jesus is right, I am wrong.

# Jesus gives offense by not following the religious rules as expected. The religious leaders were surprised.

Jesus gives offense by describing how the customs of the religious leaders were not making them more righteous and acceptable to God. The leaders were insulted.

Having been offended and insulted by Jesus, the religious leaders seek to discredit and oppose Jesus publicly.





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# Let me get this straight....



#### Texas wants me to sell the Cowboys and buy Whataburger



Texas, we don't want you to be upset. We will always be Texan and represent you in a way that makes you proud. #believethat

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The gospel message is offensive. At the very heart of the gospel is the reality that I am in sin, that I am wrong, that I am doomed, apart from Jesus.

lam surprised. How could Jesus not agree with me? am insulted. How could Jesus say I am in the wrong? oppose Jesus. I am right and he is wrong.

## Do I need to confess and surrender my offense, disappointment, and rebellion against Jesus and admit that he is right and I am wrong?

2. Jesus is offended by how the hypocrisy, pride, legalism, and lack of compassion of those who claim to be righteous in God's sight actually serve to keep people from knowing and following God.

Jesus warns of hypocrisy: the focus on outward appearances at the expense of true purity and inward godliness. 11:39-41

## Jesus warns against embracing legalism without compassion. 11:42

## Jesus warns against a prideful, self-centered lifestyle. 11:43

Jesus warns against the prideful certainty in one's own rightness that keeps people from God instead of helping them to know God. 11:44-52

My correct interpretations of scripture and my correct understanding of the day's issues do not make me more like Jesus Christ.



I may be correct about scriptural, political, and socioeconomic issues. But, as a Christian, the Bible calls me to make a Christ-like response in my heart, mind, social media posts, and in the words I say to my family, my peer group, and especially to those who disagree with me. I am to be like Jesus.

How do I need to repent of my selfcentered, prideful desire to appear righteous? Am I only being legalistic instead of Christ-like?