

NEW AND IMPROVED
Radically Different – Part 1 of 5

KEY OBSERVATION #1: Most of things that you resist about church are things the church should have **RESISTED**.

BOTTOM LINE: One big commandment with three applications: **LOVE** God, love one another and love your enemy.

QUESTION: Why Has the Church Become So Irresistible? ANSWER: The Old Model:

- Sacred **PLACES**
- Sacred **TEXTS**
- Sacred **MEN**

KEY OBSERVATION #2: The old model gives great **POWER** to sacred men in sacred places, who determine the meaning of sacred texts.

KEY TRUTH: The arrival of **JESUS** signaled an end to the old model and the beginning of something **RADICALLY** different.

1. Jesus predicted a radically new **MOVEMENT**.

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church.” Matthew 16:18

2. Jesus instituted a radically new **ARRANGEMENT** with God.

“In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.’” Luke 22:20

3. Jesus introduced a radically new **PERSPECTIVE** on Old Testament Law.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” Matthew 5:17

4. Jesus created a radically new **STANDARD** of behavior.

“34 A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

5. Jesus gave a radical new meaning to **PASSOVER**.

“And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and he gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.’” Luke 22:19