

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Jesus' example in challenging injustice

Example found (include Scripture reference)	Attitudes and perceptions challenged	Underlying injustice(s) being challenged and the reasons why
<p><i>In John 4:1-42, Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman at the well.</i></p>	<p><i>The Samaritan woman is surprised that Jesus would talk to her, since the Jews did not associate with the Samaritans, who were seen as heretics and therefore people with whom the Jews should not have any contact. The disciples are surprised to find Jesus talking to a woman, since that was also against the culture of the day.</i></p>	<p><i>Jesus is rejecting racism and sexism. He is demonstrating that everyone is loved, no matter their sex, race, religion or situation.</i></p>

Jesus Including the Excluded

1. Showing compassion toward social outsiders
Lepers: Matthew 8:1-3; Luke 17:11-19; Mark 1:40-44
2. Protesting inequality
Women: Luke 10:38-42; Matthew 9:19-26; John 20:11-18
3. Embracing the excluded
Children: Luke 18:15-17; Matthew 18:1-7

Jesus Challenging Cultural Practices

1. Rejecting racism, sexism, exclusion of 'the other'
Samaritan woman: John 4:1-42
2. Dignifying second-class citizens
Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37
3. Risking one's reputation
Drunkards and prostitutes: Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 7:36-50; Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus Confronting the Powerful

1. Challenging unjust behaviour
Tax collector: Luke 19:1-10
2. Confronting the spiritually arrogant
Pharisees: Luke 6:1-11; Matthew 23:1-3, 23-28
3. Reordering political power
Government rulers: Mark 12:13-17; Matthew 20:20-28