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The fable that America was founded as a “Christian nation” is a lie perpetuated by “Pharisees” of the American church.

First and foremost, if America were Christian, then Americans and their spiritual and political leaders would adhere to the teachings of Christ. America was founded upon religious freedom and economics, not godly values.

Look at the famous painting of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Do you see Black faces, women, American Indians, immigrants from all walks of life? A Jesus nation or family portrait has all in the family picture. Does the history of American values look like Jesus' values?

Today, we have “American Christians” who support building walls against immigrants. My Jesus says to welcome immigrants. American Christians pray in the marketplace, while my Jesus says: “When you pray, go to your prayer closet, not like the hypocrites who love to pray in public.”

Jesus' life and death were built around “love one another even as I have loved you.” I don't see a lot of love coming from American Christians today or in our nation's history.

Followers of Jesus, beware of the American Christians and their leaders. If my words sound hollow, read what the word of God says. God help us become followers of Christ instead of politics and men.

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