

R.E.M., New Test Leper

I can't say that I love Jesus
That would be a hollow claim.
He did make some observations
And I'm quoting them today.
"Judge not lest ye be judged."
What a beautiful refrain.
The studio audience disagrees.
Have his lambs all gone astray?

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"You are lost and disillusioned"
What an awful thing to say.
I know this show doesn't flatter.
It means nothing to me.
I thought I might help them understand
But what an ugly thing to see.
"I am not an animal"
Subtitled under the screen.

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When I tried to tell my story
They cut me off to take a break.
I sat silent 5 commercials
I had nothing left to say
The talk show host was index-carded
All organized and blank
The other guests were scared and hardened
What a sad parade.

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