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Obama to Christians: Get Off Your High Horse

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President Obama today said he and other Christians should not "get on our high horse" with respect to the ISIS rampages in the name of religion, suggesting that Christians had done similar things in the name of their religion during the crusades and with slavery in the United States.

Obama listed the many outrages throughout the world being carried out unjustly in the name of Islam. But then he added:

Lest we get on our high horse and think this is unique to some other place, remember that during the Crusades and the Inquisition, people committed terrible deeds in the name of Christ. In our home country, slavery and Jim Crow all too often was justified in the name of Christ . . .

So this is not unique to one group or one religion. There is a tendency in us, a sinful tendency that can pervert and distort our faith.

Obama went on to describe how religious sects in India were attacking each other in ways "that would have shocked" Gandhi.

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