

## “Jesus Didn’t Say Anything Against. . .”

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I hate to keep beating the same horse into the ground, but this is a hot-button issue in today’s society. One of the arguments made by supporters of homosexuality and proponents of the oxymoronic idea of homosexual marriage is that “Jesus never said anything against ‘gays.’” The implication of this assertion is that if Jesus Himself never said anything specific against homosexuals, then He must approve of them or at least accept them as they are. Of course, even if the assertion were true, it is quite obvious that the conclusion doesn’t necessarily follow. Jesus never said anything against rapists. You will search the Gospels in vain to find any statement made by Jesus which specifically condemns rapists. Does this mean that He approves of them and accepts them as they are? Uh, no. Rape is always wrong, and those who commit it are in sin. Period!

But is it true that Jesus never said anything against “gays”? While Jesus may have never used the word “gay” or “homosexual,” He did make at least one statement which directly relates to the subject. In answering a question, He said, *“Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female, and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’”* (Matthew 19:4-5). I know that in this politically correct day it is considered bigoted and homophobic to say this, but the fact is that Jesus plainly believed that marriage, along with all the sexual privileges which God intended only for marriage, is between a man and a woman, not man with man or woman with woman. Now, that’s what Jesus Himself said!

Furthermore, the Bible, which is the revelation to mankind of God through Jesus Christ, says, *“For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due”* (Romans 1:26-27). But wait, someone says, that’s what Paul wrote, not what Jesus said. Well, consider this. *“If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord”* (1 Corinthians 14:37). It may not be in “red letters,” but if it’s something written by an inspired apostle of Jesus Christ in Scripture, it is the commandment of the Lord Himself. So whatever Paul says about homosexuality is what Jesus says. And Paul said that it is *“against nature,” “shameful,”* and an *“error.”*

Here’s where the rubber meets the road. Do these people really believe the Bible in the first place? The clear answer is no. So why do they even use the Bible to try and prove their point to begin with? If they believed it, they wouldn’t be arguing **FOR** what the Bible teaches **AGAINST**. And the Bible definitely teaches against homosexuality. *“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God”* (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, emphasis mine, **WSW**). According to Paul, practicing homosexuals are numbered among the unrighteous and in that state will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. They can be forgiven and saved (v. 11), but they must quit engaging in the sinful behavior.

Now, you may have heard about the new “version” (actually a *perversion*) of the Bible which simply removes all negative statements about homosexuality. It’s called **“The Queen James Bible”** (I’m not making this up, folks). But this just goes to illustrate Peter’s observation about *“untaught and unstable people [who] twist [the Scriptures] to their own destruction”* (2 Peter 3:16). We can rest assured based on Bible teaching that Jesus condemns homosexuality, just as He condemns fornication and adultery. So, “What Would Jesus Do?” As a result of what Jesus actually did, I think that we can reasonably conclude that Jesus would tell the homosexuals, “Unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3), and “Go and sin no more” (John 8:11). That’s what Jesus said about homosexuality.

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