

What Did Jesus Say About...?

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Recently, I posted a meme on social media containing the following provocative quote:

No pastor can support same sex marriage, homosexuality, transgenderism, or abortion and claim to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I post quotes like this from time to time not to get a reaction but to provoke people to think. After all, God said, “Come now, and let us reason together,” in Isaiah 1:18, and “thou shalt meditate therein day and night,” in Joshua 1:8. Hopefully, rather than just get mad, people will follow the example of the Bereans in Acts 17:11 and search the Scriptures in order to prove or disprove them.



Unfortunately, many of today’s watered down progressive Christians do not take the time to search the Scriptures. Instead, they blindly follow the “Jesus is love, Jesus was never judgmental or condemning” mantra. They eschew (to use a good King James Bible word) anything that smacks of being judgmental or condemning as unloving, as something Jesus would never do or say. It makes them uncomfortable, causing them to retreat to the safety of their liberal slogans and catchphrases such as, “Jesus didn’t judge anybody and neither should you,” or “Jesus was open minded and tolerant, not narrow minded and judgmental,” and their dismissive “You do you and I’ll do Jesus.”

Consequently, I fully expected not everyone to like, agree, or even appreciate what I post. In the past, I’ve received snarky, snide, sarcastic comments, personal attacks and insults, and even been unfriended and blocked. Sometimes, however, I get questions:

Help me out with this. When did Jesus Christ speak about this [sic] four issues directly? It would be interesting to see what he said himself.

Now, I am reasonably sure that the question was not asked sincerely. Rather, having interacted with the questioner before, I believe it was more likely intended to challenge or trip me up. Nevertheless, I felt that an answer was in order, if not for the benefit of the questioner, but for those others who might see it and be prompted to wonder about it.

I prefaced my answer by stating:

In answer to your question about Jesus directly speaking about same-sex marriage, homosexuality, transgenderism, and abortion, the entirety of the Bible contains Jesus’ thoughts

about the four issues in this post because the Bible is composed of the very words of God expressed through certain men that God Himself inspired to write it.

Luke 1:70 – As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – ¹⁶All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Peter 1:21 – For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

However, since you seem to be more concerned about what Jesus did or did not say during His earthly ministry, I hope you will find the following comments and passages both interesting and informative.

The first issue in question was same sex marriage. I pointed out that:

Jesus spoke of marriage only in the context of heterosexual marriage.

Matthew 19:4-6 - ⁴And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, ⁵And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? ⁶Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Mark 10:6-9 - ⁶But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. ⁷For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; ⁸And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

To claim that because Jesus only commented on heterosexual marriage is an unspoken endorsement of same sex marriage because He did not explicitly condemn same sex marriage is untenable. By that logic, we would have to conclude that Jesus also endorsed inter-species marriage because He did not explicitly condemn it either.

The next issue in question was homosexuality. In answer to that I pointed out:

*Jesus condemned fornication several times. Fornication comes from the Greek, *porneia*, and includes all forms of sexual immorality, such as any extra-marital, non-marital, non-heterosexual, or other forms of unlawful or unnatural intimacy.*

*Matthew 15:16-20 - ¹⁶And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? ¹⁷Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? ¹⁸But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. ¹⁹For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, **fornications**, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: ²⁰These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.*

*Mark 7:20-23 - ²⁰And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, **fornications**, murders, ²²Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: ²³All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

I continued:

Just because Jesus did not mention homosexuality specifically does not mean that He condoned or accepted it any more than other sexual sins in the Old Testament that He did not mention specifically, such as:

Bestiality

Leviticus 18:23 - Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

Leviticus 20:15-16 - ¹⁵And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. ¹⁶And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Homosexuality

Leviticus 18:22 - Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

Incest

Leviticus 20:17 - And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

Prostitution

Deuteronomy 23:17-18 - ¹⁷There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. ¹⁸Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Again, like with Jesus' comments regarding marriage, if Jesus was not condemning homosexuality along with all sexual sins when talking about fornications (*porneia*), we would have to conclude that He was okay with bestiality, incest, and prostitution. After all, He did not mention them either.

The third issue in question was transgenderism. I wrote:

Jesus informs us that He (God) only created two genders: Male and Female.

Matthew 19:4 - And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

Mark 10:6 - But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

The meaning here is clear. To use Jesus' statement that God made only two genders, male and female, somehow means that Jesus is okay with transgenderism is lunacy.

Finally, the fourth question had to do with what Jesus had to say about abortion. This is really quite simple. I pointed out that:

Jesus condemns murder. Abortion is the deliberate ending of a human life. While the Bible does allow for the ending of a human life via capital punishment or in the case self-defense or the defense of another, it does not allow us to kill for convenience or personal choice.

*Matthew 19:18 - He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, **Thou shalt do no murder**, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness,*

*Mark 10:19 - Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, **Do not kill**, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.*

*Luke 18:20 - Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, **Do not kill**, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.*

As you can see, Jesus had a lot to say about same-sex marriage, homosexuality, transgenderism, and abortion. However, it was not always direct. In some cases, it was in what He did not say or in the implication or corollary of what Jesus said, that gives His views. Sometimes you must search the Scriptures, pray, and use what God put between your ears to ferret out the answer. After all, as Solomon said in Proverbs 25:2:

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

Unfortunately, some people just do not have the willingness or desire to search out these matters. For some, that type of thinking is just a bit beyond their grasp. However, for those of us who are truly born again and willing to search the Scriptures, we can count on the Holy Ghost in us to guide us to an understanding of what Jesus might think about a variety of issues that are not directly given to us

in the Bible. Otherwise, the Bible would have to be an ever-expanding series of volumes of direct statements regarding every conceivable issue.

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