

Jesus talks about sex

Recently I was asked if Jesus said anything about homosexuality.

First, I discovered that he didn't need to! He said, "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfil." Matthew 5.17.

Second, here is Israel's Law which Jesus didn't come to destroy: "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination." Leviticus 18.22 (ESV).

Wow! Totally against same-sex relationships.

Third, Jesus gave a further quote from Israel's law about sex relations. He asked his hearers, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?' " Matthew 19.4-5.

Notice the reference to a man *leaving his father and mother* when he marries. It assumes that, up till then, he's been living with his heterosexual parents.

So the law - and Jesus - had strong views about sex, presenting marriage as a male/female relationship. And Jesus said it dates back to when man was first created.

Do we agree with him?

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**One of the great similarities between Christianity and marriage is that,
for Christians, they both get better as we get older.**

- Jean A. Rees

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