

The
Complete
Teachings
of
Jesus Christ
on
Homosexuality

AS RECORDED IN THE GOSPELS OF THE
APOSTLES MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE AND JOHN.

(from the original manuscripts)

SURPRISED THAT THE INSIDE PAGES ARE BLANK ?

Indeed, it is a surprise to many to learn that none of the Gospel writers record Jesus Christ ever making a statement for or against homosexual orientation. And yet, at the same time our Lord was very vocal on aspects of morality and sexuality. In actual fact, it was very late into the Christian era before homosexuality was coupled with the sin of Sodom and before the Christian world "decided" homosexual persons are moral affronts to God.

The Bible speaks very specifically about several distortions of homosexuality - it does not attempt to develop a broad picture of homosexuality. Lesbian and gay people do not see their sexuality in any way representative when the Bible speaks of the gang rape of men by men, when it condemns the prostitution that was part of the pagan fertility cults, and when it decries relationships based solely on lust. The Biblical witness of relationships based on mutuality, respect, commitment and faithfulness are affirmed by the lesbian and gay people of our Church as represented by AFFIRM.

As the Rev. Bonnie Kelly, a United Church minister in Newfoundland states: "They used the Bible to justify slavery. They used the Bible to justify the smothering of women's gifts and talents. They used the Bible to sow seeds of anti-semitism, and then were incredulous that the Nazis could be so cruel. And once again, in our day, people in the church are using the Bible as a "Handbook for Bigotry". This time, however, the target is homosexual people."