



Go Deep
What Would Jesus Say About...
LGBTQ

What message about individuals who are LGBTQ were you given growing up?

Did you accept that message?

What has changed in your understanding?

Sunday's teaching focused on the rejection, oppression, persecution of the Jewish people by the church throughout Christian history. Read the following verses and discuss how they could be used to justify the mistreatment of Jewish people:

Matthew 27:22-25

1 Thessalonians 2:14-15

John 8:44

How could those verses be used to justify such atrocities toward Jewish people?

How has the treatment of the Jewish people provided for us a lesson on how individuals who are LGBTQ have been treated?

There are 6 Scriptural passages that deal with some kind of same-gender sexual activity.

Do you think that people have done with these passages the same thing Christians have done with the seemingly anti-Jewish passages?

How important is it to know the culture in which a text was written in order to understand the text?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 in different translations: [ESV](#), [NRSV](#), [NASB](#).

What does it tell us that there are various translations of these words?

Two Greek words in this passage are used to describe some kind of same-gender sexual act.

Malakoi - soft.

Assemblies of God scholar, Gordon Fee says the word "most likely refers to the younger, passive partner in a pederastic relationship ...a male prostitute, an effeminate call boy."

Have you heard of pederasty? Do some [research](#) and see if that changes how you interpret this verse.

The other word in that passage is *arsenkoitais* - male/intercourse.

When you put the two words together, what does it seem that Paul is condemning?

There were 4 common settings of same-gender sex in the Greco/Roman world:

Orgies, Temple Prostitution, Pederasty, and Slave Sex.

Is it possible that Paul is condemning these acts instead of the relationship between two same-gender individuals?

What do you say to people who use the Bible as justification against affirming LGBTQ?