God’s Ideas On Sex: Clarity in the Craziness Sermon for 3-19-17

## How did Jesus keep clear in the crazy?

# John 8:1-12 (NLT)

Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, **2**but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. **3**As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

**4**“Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. **5**The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

**6**They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. **7**They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” **8**Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

**9**When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. **10**Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”

**11**“No, Lord,” she said.

And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

**12**Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

**6 Things Jesus Did** (first 5 credit to www.pursuegod.org)

1. Jesus paused.
2. Jesus addressed the accusers first.
	1. **Much of the crazy is produced by ungracious, self-righteous attitudes of church people.**
3. Jesus didn’t condemn her outright. (no stones or Scriptures to condemn)
4. Jesus got personal with her.
5. Jesus didn’t condone her sin.
	1. Acknowledging the reality of someone’s condition is not condoning their actions.
	2. Understanding someone’s conflict/temptation and dealing gently with them is not condoning their actions.
	3. **Grace is only extended to brokenness; so, to receive grace, all of us must come to the deep realization that we are all wrong and in need God’s rightness.**
		1. Don’t skirt the issue to spare their feelings, but be courteous.
		2. Don’t allow them to bully you into using their terms.
6. Jesus showed her the way.

## Gender dysphoria

“the condition of feeling one's emotional and psychological identity as male or female to be opposite to one's biological sex.”

* I am not talking about hermaphroditism—people who have a mutation that causes them to have varying degrees of both male physiology and female physiology. That’s a topic for private discussion that would take too long here in this sermon. But if you’re interested, I would encourage you to check out <https://answersingenesis.org/human-body/feedback-hermaphroditism/>.
* Can lead to
	+ Transvestitism
	+ Sex-changes (Transexuals)
	+ Everything in between

**Matthew 19:4-6** (NKJV)

**4**And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matt+19%3A4-6&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23767a)] *them* at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matt+19%3A4-6&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23767b)] **5**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’?[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matt+19%3A4-6&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23768c)] **6**So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

* Basic principle is: **What God has done, don’t undo.**
* **Your gender assigned by God at conception as seen in your physiology is a part of your destiny.**
* Promoting the idea that children can choose their gender is promoting chaos, confusion, and instability that bring pain in individuals’ life and in society.
	+ Bathroom wars
	+ Children demanding to be let in locker rooms of the opposite sex

## Same-sex attraction

# Romans 1:21-32 (NLT)

**21**Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. **22**Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools.**23**And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

**24**So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other’s bodies. **25**They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. **26**That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other.

 **27**And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.

**28**Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. **29**Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. **30**They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. **31**They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. **32**They know God’s justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

* **Same-sex attraction and sexual activity came from the sin of worshiping and serving the things God created instead of the Creator Himself—idolatry.**
* You may not have experienced same-sex attraction, but have you been guilty of trading the truth about God for a lie or serving the things God created instead of God?
	+ How many of the sins listed in Romans 1 have you been guilty of?
* You see, **if we live in a humble state before God and men confessing our faults, we will begin to see just how alike we all really are having fallen short of God’s perfect standard of worshiping only Him.**
	+ It is not your rightness or normalness that makes you heterosexual; it’s a mercy of God that the consequence for your idolatry is something other than same-sex attraction.

## Culture War

Many Christian leaders and commentators wish to tell you how to react to our culture’s rebellion against God’s natural laws. However, just do what the Father shows you—nothing more and certainly nothing less.

# John 5:19 (NLT)

**19**So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

* **God wants His church to occupy positions of influence in business, education, and government; if He wants you to occupy one of those positions and thus influence the culture toward a Godly moral code, do it diligently.**
* **Follow your conscience.**