

 Let's Talk
About Marriage,
Truthfully &
Spiritually 

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It's time we tell the whole truth about the word marriage—where it really came from, how it's been shaped by history (not just religion), and what Jesus actually had to say about it. Because for too long, Christian nationalism has co-opted this sacred concept to exclude, rather than include. And that was never the heart of Christ. 🕊️

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Where Did the Word “Marriage” Come From?

The word marriage comes from the Latin *maritare*, meaning “to provide with a husband or wife,” and was originally tied more to legal and property arrangements than love or spirit. Marriage as an institution existed across many ancient cultures—Babylonian, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, and more—long before Christianity. These unions were often economic contracts, arranged for family alliances, inheritance, and power—not based on personal choice or romantic love.

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💡 In ancient Rome, marriage (matrimonium) was a civic matter. No religious ceremony was necessary. In fact, Christian weddings didn't even exist in the first three centuries of Christianity. The early Church didn't concern itself with officiating marriages—it was considered a family or community matter.

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What Does the Bible Actually Say?

Jesus never officiated a wedding. He attended one (John 2:1-11) and turned water into wine—but never used the moment to lecture on who should or shouldn't be married. He never condemned same-gender love or declared a specific structure for marriage.

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The few times Jesus speaks about marriage (e.g., Matthew 19:4-6), He quotes Genesis about two becoming one flesh—yet even this passage was responding to a question about divorce, not a definition of gender roles. It's also worth noting: Jesus spoke those words in a patriarchal society where women were considered property. He was challenging that idea—not reinforcing it.

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So Where Did “Biblical Marriage” Come From?

The term biblical marriage is often used selectively. In the Bible, marriage includes:

- Polygamy (Genesis 4:19, 1 Kings 11:3)
- Concubines (Genesis 16)
- Levirate Marriage—forcing a woman marry her brother-in-law if her husband dies (Deuteronomy 25:5-10)
- Arranged child marriages (Numbers 31:18)
- Marriages for political alliances and land

None of these reflect the loving, consensual partnerships we celebrate today. So when someone says “traditional marriage,” we must ask—**which tradition?**



Jesus' Real Message Was Love. Period.

Jesus never once mentioned homosexuality. Not once. What He did preach—over and over—was love, inclusion, mercy, and justice. He lifted up the outcasts, protected the vulnerable, and tore down the systems of exclusion. That's the Jesus I know. 💖

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Scriptures that Reveal Jesus' Heart:

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:12

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged.”

Matthew 7:1

“Whatever you did for the least of these... you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:28

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Marriage Is a Sacred Covenant—Not a Culture War

Marriage, in its truest form, is a loving, consensual partnership.

Whether it's two men, two women, or anyone across the spectrum of gender and love—it is sacred when it's rooted in honesty, mutual care, and divine love.

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