

Book Review

Jesus Acted Up

"Contemporary Christian theological practice concerning gay men and lesbian women has not been... pertinent to their own experiences," writes Goss, an ex-Jesuit theologian and gay activist. Drawing on the work of gay historian/philosopher Michael Foucault and other scholars, Goss sets forth a "queer liberation theology" that goes beyond the notion of God's "preferential option for the... poor" to assert that God's passion for all outcasts specifically embraces the sexually oppressed. Thus on Easter Jesus "came out of the closet" to become the "queer Christ." This is calculated to shock, and it will. Indeed, both Goss's confrontational stance and his dense, theoretical language will put off many readers not initially committed to his perspective. Still, some intriguing ideas are embedded here. For theological and large public libraries where interest warrants purchase.

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