

What did Jesus
Look Like?



What did Jesus Look Like?

Remember he was a common Jewish male

Instead of having long hair, Jesus would have had short hair

Instead of having pale skin, He would have had a tanned or deep olive complexion

Instead of being thin and fragile, He would have been masculine and strong

If this common depiction was not derived from Scripture, where did the popular image of Jesus come from?



The 2024 Focus

Reconnecting the Church

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Colossians 2:9-12

To Whom am I
Connecting?





I SAW JESUS

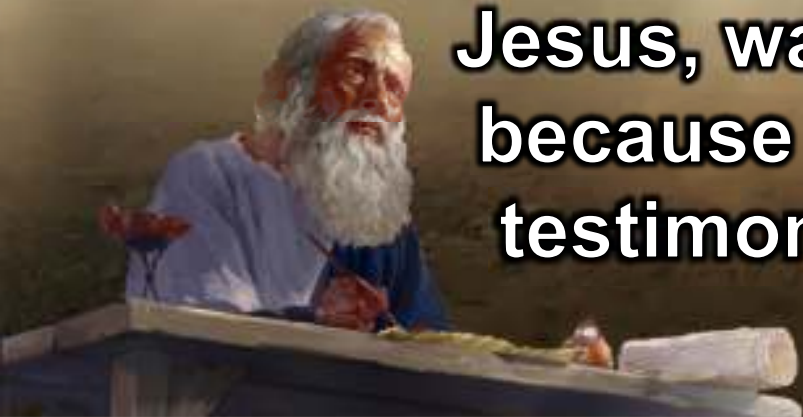
The Book of Revelation

It was written by John

History places the time of writing somewhere 90 to 95AD

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 1:9



The Book of Revelation

The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John

It was written to seven literal churches (Revelation 1:4)

Revelation 1:1

We still don't have all the info (Revelation 10:4)

Warning Label



Jesus the Representative

I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned, I saw seven golden lamp stands, and among the lamp stands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.

Revelation 1:12-13

Jesus the Representative

He is Among the Lampstands

Jesus is walking among the lamp stands

The lamp stands represent the churches

The picture is Jesus is in an observation mode

The Jesus Disconnect: He is in heaven, and we are here but Jesus does not have a disconnect with the church



Jesus the Representative

Ever Watching

Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So, you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 24:42-44

Jesus the Representative

“Son of Man”

It is used in Psalm and Hebrews as a term to address humanity

This term is heavily used in the book of Ezekiel (93 times) when God addresses Ezekiel and once in Daniel when God addresses him

It is also used the book of Daniel (Daniel 7:13) to describe the one that approached the throne of God

Jesus the Representative

“Son of Man”

For Ezekiel and Daniel, it would have been a term of humility.

For both men it was a term of action.

Both men are what we consider prophets.

Jesus the Representative

In the Gospels -- “Son of Man”

The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’ ? Who is this ‘Son of Man’?”

John 12:34

Jesus the Representative

In the Gospels -- "Son of Man"

It is used 81 times by Jesus in the Gospels

God used the term to address humans called into service, Jesus used it to address himself

In Jesus' use it would have absolutely tied him physically to the humanity.

Like Ezekiel and Daniel, it was a call to humility and action (Mark 10:45)

Jesus was a Prophet

Foretold of Future Events

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

Mark 8:31

Jesus was a Prophet

Represented God to Man

So, Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.

John 8:28

His Dress

“Dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest”

Very similar to the dress of a priest

Not the formal Day Atonement dress of the high priest instead, it is like the everyday outfit

Like the priests serving in the temple in the image Jesus wore no shoes



The Prophet and the Priest

Like a prophet a priest also had the responsibility of representing God to man (Romans 15:16)

However, he also represented man to God (1 Timothy 2:5)

A Priest would do so through sacrifice (Hebrews 10:11-14)

His dress makes sense because Jesus was indeed our great high priest (Hebrews 4:14)



When You See Jesus

You are seeing God's

Representative

to humanity

