

ORIGIN OF THE IMAGE OF JESUS

Where did the image of Jesus come from?

Early images of Jesus are thought to be based off Apollos the sun God

This "Good Shepherd" Image is a third-century depiction of Jesus from the Catacombs of Rome



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Where did the image of Jesus come from?

Jesus was aged up as a man in his 30s

A beard was added more because all the main gods on Rome/Greek culture had beards

He was slimmed down after all he was a of modest origin

It was painted in 6th century some 500 years after Jesus left the planet.



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In the eighth and ninth century controversy rose centered around whether it was OK to make images of religious persons

Images of Christ came under scrutiny during this time

Many were destroyed

During the 11th century, the Byzantine empire fell and by this time, the Roman empire was a distant memory

This period featured numerous depictions of Jesus all based off the older and wiser version



I SAW JESUS

HIS HAIR

“The hair on his head was white like wool”

It does not discuss the length of the hair

It is not comparing the hair to the texture of wool

WHITE HAIR

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and the white hair and its wheels were all ablaze.

Daniel 7:9

Like Father Like Son (John 14:9)

Jesus and God the father are one (John 10:30)

WHAT DOES IT TELL US ABOUT JESUS?

HOLINESS

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.

Leviticus 19:2

Apartness or Separate

In Leviticus 20:26 God set apart the nation of Israel telling them to be holy.

It should be no surprise that the Apostle Peter made the same call to us. (1 Peter 1:15-16)

PURITY

John specifically compares the hair to white snow

When snow falls it covers everything

If the sun is out it is difficult to look at the new snow as it reflects the light

JESUS LIVED A SINLESS LIFE

But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

1 John 3:5

Wisdom

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:30

White hair is usually associated with age

Supposedly with Age comes wisdom.

When John saw Jesus he did not see the man that left the planet at the age of 33. Instead, he met an individual that was about to allow John to see behind the curtain of time.

HIS EYES

His eyes were like blazing fire.

Whenever you see a picture of Jesus the eyes are always drawn kind of soft

This is taken from the verses where Jesus looked on humanity with compassion

EYES OF FIRE

HIS EYES

I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms, and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

Daniel 10:5-6

HIS EYES

John says like blazing fire.

Daniel says Flaming torches.

Torches are lit and produce light.

Light drives away darkness and allows us to see things as they really are.



HIS EYES

Jesus is All seeing.

What does Jesus see in you?

The all-seeing eyes of God are present here with Jesus and he is watching



MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

“To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.”

Revelation 2:18-20

MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

These blazing eyes were connected to the church in Thyatira.

It was a good church They were all about faith

They were servants They persevered

They were even growing: “you are now doing more than you did at first.?”

But these probing eyes saw a huge problem

MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

They lacked holiness and wisdom

They did not observe apartness instead they became tolerant

They did not seek purity instead allowed themselves to become Sexually Immoral and Idol Worshipers

They were not wise, they were misleading

MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

Not all had followed the teaching

Revelation 2:24-25

To those he told them to hold fast

MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’ —just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give that one the morning star. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

WHEN YOU SEE JESUS

**You see a Holy God
that Sees all of You**

