

What Did Jesus Look Like?

Previous weekly thoughts have covered what Jesus ate and what Jesus most likely wore. Now we are going to tackle what Jesus looked like. And my answer may surprise you. Or at least hopefully provoke you into some serious thought. After all that's the purpose of these essays.

I believe Jesus looked exactly like the image on the Shroud of Turin. Many maintain that the Shroud is genuine. Others, including most scientists, have claimed that it is not. The Church has not yet weighed in with an answer. So until the Pope makes a definitive proclamation one way or the other, we are left to form our own personal beliefs about the Shroud.

To the scientists and other skeptics I say God is infallible. Science is not. Can science explain the Virgin Birth. Miracles. The Resurrection. Then why should a scientific dating of the Shroud, which was subjected to spiritual forces far beyond our understanding, be taken as "gospel"?

Exactly how many other pieces of fabric that covered the Body of Christ has science evaluated to prove that carbon dating and other so called "scientific" methods hold true when subjected to the Resurrection of the Son of God? If the question sounds absurd that's precisely the point.

God made the laws of nature. We often mistakenly assume that God, or His works, are bound by the laws of nature. In that assumption lies the absurdity. Does not every miracle in fact contradict what we think we know of the "laws" of nature, medicine and science?

God wrote the laws of nature, the rules of physics and everything else that scientists think they know about scientific "facts". God wrote them and He can change them any time He wants.

With God all things are possible!

So stop looking to science to validate the Shroud of Turin. Look to your faith for the answer.

My faith tells me that God left us this priceless image of His Son Jesus that we may find faith, comfort and spiritual sustenance from it. The complete story of The Passion lies in the Shroud.

Google a picture of the Shroud and gaze into the face of Christ. That's what Jesus looked like.

God Bless!