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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

April 2, 2017

WHAT DID JESUS LOOK LIKE?

We have very little idea of what Jesus looks like now in His glorified, divine, spirit image. However, we do have some idea of what Jesus looked like when He was a man living on this earth, and He didn't look anything like most of the actors who portray Him in movies. In addition, He would have looked very different from most of the paintings of Jesus that have been made throughout history.

The first clue as to the actual appearance of Jesus is the fact that He was a first century Jew. *Popular Mechanics* carried an article entitled, *The Real Face of Jesus: Advances in Forensic Science Reveal the Most Famous Face in History* (popularmechanics.com/science/health/forensics/1282186). The *Popular Mechanics* article discusses evidence from archaeology, anthropology, and forensics that point to a general image of how a Jewish male would have looked in Jesus' time. From this evidence they conclude that a man who was tall, with light eyes, light skin, and light brown hair would have stood out in Jesus' day. The article correctly points out the fact that Judas had to identify Jesus at His arrest in Gethsemane indicating Jesus did not stand out at all (Mark 14:43-46). Jesus must have looked like a very average, indistinguishable Jew. That means He was **not** tall with light skin, light colored eyes, and light colored hair.

The same article in *Popular Mechanics* says, “Jesus, as drawings from the first century depict, would have had short hair, appropriate to men of the times.” The author of the article also points to I Corinthians 11:14 to show that it was considered a shame for a man to have long hair. Jesus would have had short, dark colored hair, dark colored eyes and a beard. This is based on those same drawings of Jewish men of that era. The prophesy in Isaiah 50:6 also speaks of Jesus having a beard which the angry mob pulled during His trials.

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Popular Mechanics also records, “. . .archaeologists had firmly established that the average build of a Semite male at the time of Jesus was 5ft., 1in, with an average weight of about 110 pounds. Since Jesus was a carpenter until he was about 30 years old, it is reasonable to assume he was more muscular and physically fit than westernized portraits suggest. His face was probably weather-beaten, which would have made him appear older, as well.” Mark 6:3 bears out the fact that Jesus worked as a carpenter. But it is not only His work as a carpenter that indicates His strength and muscular bearing. John 2:13-17 records the first time Jesus drove the money-changers out of the temple. He made a whip out of cords and chased every one of them out. These money-changers were physically overcome by Jesus. He would later return to Jerusalem and throw them out again (Matthew 21:12-13). At this time He not only chased them out but also turned all of their tables over and wouldn’t let them come back in (Mark 11:15-17).

The last bit of evidence that I know of that gives us a clue as to what Jesus looked like is found in Isaiah 53:2. This verse tells us that Jesus Christ did not appear to be glorious or majestic in any way. In addition, he was **not** a handsome man. All indications are that He would have blended in very well as a very average Jewish man of His day.

To sum it all up, we have evidence from the Scriptures that gives us some indication of what Jesus looked like. In addition we have evidence from anthropology, archaeology, and forensics that tells us what the average Jewish male of Jesus’ day looked like. When we put all of this together, the best description we can come up with Jesus is as follows: He was probably around 5ft, 1in, tall, with short dark hair, dark eyes, tan colored skin, a brown beard, physically fit from much walking, muscular in build and bearing from His work, not handsome, and very average in His appearance.

~Kevin Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

April 3 - Luke 7:1-30
April 4 - Luke 7:31-50
April 5 - Luke 8:1-25
April 6 - Luke 8:26-56



April 7 - Luke 9:1-17
April 8 - Luke 9:18-36
April 9 - Luke 9:37-62



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Tesh, Bob Plunk, Charlie Parker, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins in your prayers.

Jane Shepard's surgery has been postponed until April 5th. Please continue to pray for Jane and Frank.

Charlie Parker was scheduled for heart ablation surgery on March 31st at the Baptist Hospital.

Linda Flinchum is being treated for bronchitis this week.

Becky Simons Fortner will undergo surgery for cancer in Nashville on Monday, April 3rd. She expects to be in the hospital overnight.

Jim Harrison reported last Wednesday afternoon that his wife, D.J., had been given twelve shots - six in her head and six in her back, for migraine headaches. Prayers are requested.

Bonnie Landreth was reported to be suffering from severe poison Ivy.

Also it was reported Wednesday evening that Joann Landry has pink eye in both eyes. She also has a sinus infection.



PLEASE ASSIST:

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to help Frank & Jane with food. Please prepare enough food for one meal and deliver at lunch time. Meals are needed Mon., Wed., & Fri.'s. **No spicy foods or peppers.**

**THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON
THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.**



SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Di-Ann Moser

Dot Pegram
Eva Nelle Sidden

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board)



WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

April 2 - VBS Mtg. following morning service for anyone who wishes to help with VBS.

April 4 - Sewing for Nicaragua from 9-12 a.m. in Annex.

April 6 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.

May 20-21 - Senior Rally - Speaker: Melvin Sapp
June 18-21 - VBS - Theme: God's Team - Stories of God's Power. Sunday through Wednesday.

LOCAL EVENTS:

April 2-6 - 73rd Annual Carolina Lectureship hosted by the Plaza church of Christ in Sumter, SC.

See bulletin board for details

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Jerry Sullins is going to Zambia in June to teach in the school in Zambia and Uganda for two weeks each. He will also have a seminar in Zambia for past graduates and present students. He will be taking suits and ties for the students of this latest intake. Approximately 45 for both schools. The students are taught to wear a suit and tie when they preach.

If any of you men have used suits, size 40 and under, that you would like to send to these students, see Steve Martin during the month of April. **Nothing over a size 40, no winter suits. Ties are welcome.**

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for April are laundry detergent, hand dish washing liquid and bath soap.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - March 26, 2017	130
Sunday Worship Service	165
Contribution for March 26, 2017	\$7,262
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	41
Chapters Read:	509
Sunday Evening Worship Service	128
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 3-22-17	109

Lord's Day Appointments For April, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For April:

Carl Cooper

Nathan Roy	Harry Picciuto
Rodney Brown	Mike Cooper
	Carolyn Plunk
	Roger Allen
	John Allen

Preparing Communion for April:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - April 9, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Shawn Thomason	Morning - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Roger Allen	A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - Tommy Ridings	P.M. - Clayton Workman	P.M. - Shawn Thomason
Prayer - Jack Piper		Wed. - Roger Allen	

Greeters for April:

Rodney and Teresa Brown

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 2 ~

Wednesday: - April 5 ~

Lord's Day Appointments - April 2, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Rodney Brown	Morning - Shawn Thomason	A.M. - Gene Southern	A.M. - Daryl Cook
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Alfred Huff	P.M. - Jason Allen	P.M. - Gene Southern
Prayer - Steve Martin		Wed. - Mark Roy	

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - *Nursery open for small children during all services.*

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes 10:00 AM

Morning Worship 10:50 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

DEACONS

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper

Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury