THE QUESTION

What did Jesus look like, according to the early Christians?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

Early Christian writers said Jesus looked plain and ordinary, not handsome, but none gives a detailed portrait of Him. They drew this from Isaiah 53, and Origen notes the Gospels themselves never say He lacked beauty. They set this humble look beside the glory seen at the Transfiguration and expected at His return.

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His outward look was plain, not striking

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement of Alexandria says plainly that the Lord was not attractive in outward appearance, and he cites Isaiah 53 as his witness. But he adds that Jesus' real beauty was not the kind the eye sees: it was goodness in His soul and immortality in His body.

1

"And the Spirit, speaking through Isaiah, testifies that the Lord Himself was not attractive in outward appearance: "We saw Him, and He had no form or beauty, but His appearance was plain, beneath that of men." Yet who was more worthy of admiration than the Lord? But His beauty was not the beauty of the flesh that the eye can see. It was the true beauty of both soul and body that He displayed. In the first, that is, the soul, this beauty is doing good. In the second, that is, the flesh, it is immortality."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 3.1 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 3, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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The earliest writers applied Isaiah 53 to Him

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Clement of Rome, writing in the first century, says Christ came in a lowly condition, not with pride, and quotes Isaiah 53:2 about a form that was unremarkable. Justin Martyr quotes the same prophecy: no form or splendor, a form dishonored and marred. Both treat the prophecy as speaking of Jesus.

2

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Sceptre of the majesty of God, did not come with pride or arrogance, even though He could have, but in a lowly condition, as the Holy Spirit had declared about Him."

later in the same passage

"We have declared [our message] in His presence: He is, like a child, and like a root in dry ground; He has no form or glory, yes, we saw Him, and He had no form or attractiveness; but His form was unremarkable, even lacking compared to the [ordinary] form of men."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 21, page 7** Read it in the library ›

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3 “He had no form, nor glory; and we saw Him, and there was no form nor splendor: but His form was dishonored and marred more than the sons of men.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *First Apology* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Lowly in body, beautiful in spiritual grace

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Tertullian accepts that Christ was lowly and without glory in both bodily condition and appearance, because the prophets said so. When a psalm calls Him fairer than the children of men, Tertullian reads that as spiritual beauty and glory, not as a description of His body.

4 “Let Him be without glory, let Him be lowly, let Him be dishonored. For it was announced that He would be so, both in bodily condition and in appearance.”

later in the same passage

“For although, in David’s words, He is “fairer than the children of men,” yet this is in that figurative state of spiritual grace, when He is girded with the sword of the Spirit, which truly is His form, and beauty, and glory.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *Against Marcion* 17 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 6, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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The Gospels never say He lacked beauty

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Answering a pagan critic who called Jesus small and ugly, Origen grants that some statements call His body ill-favored, but says there is no sure proof He was small. He adds that neither the Gospels nor the apostles' writings say He lacked beauty; that idea comes from the prophets.

5 “It is true that some statements are recorded about the body of Jesus as being ill-favored. Yet they do not say that He was ignoble, as has been claimed, nor is there any certain proof that He was small.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 75 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 12, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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6 “And if it had been clearly shown from the Gospels that He had no form nor beauty, but that His appearance was without honor and inferior to that of the sons of men, it might be said that Celsus made his remarks not with reference to the prophetic writings, but to the Gospels. But now, since neither the Gospels nor the apostolic writings indicate that He had no form nor beauty, it is clear that we must accept the declaration of the prophets as true of Christ, and this will prevent the charge against Jesus from being advanced.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 76 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 13, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Lowly first coming, glorious second coming

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Tertullian says the prophets foretold two comings: the first in lowliness, when Christ was not fair to look upon, and the second in majesty. Lactantius says some refused to believe because they saw Jesus humble and without beauty, not knowing the prophets had foretold two comings.

7 “Now these signs of degradation fit His first coming well, just as the tokens of His majesty fit His second advent.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *Against Marcion* 7 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 5, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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8 “But when they saw Jesus humble, peaceful, lowly, and without beauty, they did not believe that He was the Son of God. They did not know that the prophets had foretold two comings of His: the first hidden in the humility of the flesh, and the other openly revealed in the power of His majesty.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Lactantius,** *Divine Institutes* 16 (c. 290–320 AD) **Source 19, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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His glory shone at the Transfiguration

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Origen describes Peter, who had seen two forms of Jesus, and calls the one at the Transfiguration much more excellent: His face shining like the sun and His garments white like the light. This was a special moment of glory, set apart from how the disciples usually saw Him.

9

> "And in the present case, as having seen the two forms of Jesus, and the one at the transfiguration which was much more excellent, being greatly pleased with that, he said that it was good to make their stay on that mountain, so that he himself and those with him might rejoice as they looked on the transfiguration of Jesus, and His face shining like the sun, and His garments white like the light."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Commentary on Matthew* 12 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 15, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- None of these passages describes Jesus' height, face, skin, eyes, hair or beard.
- The idea that He looked plain comes from reading Isaiah 53, and Origen notes that the Gospels themselves do not say it.
- The shining face at the Transfiguration was a special moment of glory, not His everyday look.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 21 early Christian passages and 232 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–21, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 22–153, in Bible order), then 100 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search

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for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *21 passages from 11 writers*

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 1*

1 *First Apology* **Quote 3, page 3** “had no form, nor glory; and we saw Him, and there was… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · source 2*

2 *Against Heresies: Book IV* “He had in His right hand seven stars… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 3–4*

3 *Instructor* 3.1 (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** “that the Lord Himself was uncomely in aspect, the Spirit testifies by Esaias: And we saw Him, and He had no form nor comeliness but His form was mean, inferior… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Instructor* 3.3 “has called Him "the Ancient of days… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 5–8*

5 *Against Marcion* 7 **Quote 7, page 4** “has no form nor comeliness. And we beheld Him, and He was without beauty. His form was disfigured… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Against Marcion* 17 **Quote 4, page 3** “has no form nor comeliness. We saw Him, and He had neither form nor beauty… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Against Praxeas* 14 (on point 6) speech face to face with Moses, a promise afterward fulfilled in the retirement of the mount of transfiguration, when, as we read in the Gospel, Moses appeared talking with Jesus… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *On the Flesh of Christ* 15 (on point 3) “also had no form nor comeliness, but His form was ignoble, despised more than all men, a man in suffering, and acquainted with the bearing of weakness… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 9–15*

9 *Commentary on John* 2 added words “of God,” where he says, Revelation 19:11-16, “And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it was called Faithful… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Commentary on Matthew* 12 (on point 6) “that, to those whom He led up by Himself onto the high mountain apart, His garments also appear white as the light, Matthew 17:2. But the garments of Jesus… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Commentary on Matthew* 12 (1885 English; on point 6) “when He is transfigured, His face also shines as the sun, that He may be manifested to the children of light, who have put off the works of darkness, and… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Against Celsus* 75 **Quote 5, page 3** “has no form nor glory, and we beheld Him, and He had no form nor beauty… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Against Celsus* 76 (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** “if it were to be clearly ascertained from the Gospels that He had no form nor beauty, but that His appearance was without honour, and inferior to that of the… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Against Celsus* 54 (on point 4) “has no form nor glory; and we beheld Him, and He had not any form nor beauty. But… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Commentary on Matthew* 12 **Quote 9, page 5** “And in the present case, as having seen the two forms of Jesus, and the one at the transfiguration which was much more excellent, being greatly pleased with that, he said that it was good to make their stay on that mountain, so that he himself and those with him might rejoice as they looked on the transfiguration of Jesus, and His face shining like the sun, and His garments white like the light.” **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 16*

16 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 9 (on point 2) “53:5. Or His humiliation: "And we saw Him, and He had neither form nor comeliness… [continues online] **read ›**

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Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 17*

17 *Treatises* “although it is written of the Lord, "His head and His hair were white like wool or snow," Revelation 1:14 you curse that… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 18*

18 *Apostolic Constitutions* beauty which God and nature have given you, but modestly lessen it before men. So do not let the hair of your head grow too long, but instead cut it… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 19*

19 *Divine Institutes* 16 **Quote 8, page 4** “made proclamation before Him as children, and as a root in a thirsty land. He has no form nor glory… [continues online] **read ›**

Anonymous · *source 20*

20 *Treatise Against the Heretic Novatian* 1 “a throne set in place, and the Ancient of Days sat upon it. His clothing was like snow, and the hair of His head like white wool. His throne was… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 21*

21 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Quote 2, page 2** “to those who are humble-minded, and not to those who elevate themselves over His flock. Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Sceptre of the majesty of God, did not come… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *132 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

22 **Genesis 24:16** The virgin was very beautiful to look at. She was a virgin; no man had known her. She went down to the spring, filled her water jar, and came up. **read ›**

23 **Exodus 25:4** and blue, and purple, and double scarlet, and fine twisted linen, and goats’ hair, **read ›**

24 **Exodus 34:29** When Moses came down from the mountain, the two tablets were in Moses’ hands. As he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the appearance of the complexion of his face had been made glorious while he was speaking with the Lord. **read ›**

25 **Exodus 34:30** Aaron and all the elders of Israel saw Moses, and the appearance of the complexion of his face had been made glorious; and they were afraid to come near him. **read ›**

26 **Exodus 34:35** The children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that it had been made glorious; and Moses would put the veil over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord. **read ›**

27 **Exodus 35:6** blue, purple, spun double scarlet, fine twisted linen, and goats’ hair, **read ›**

28 **Leviticus 21:18** No man who has a blemish shall come near: a man who is blind, or lame, or with a mutilated nose, or with ears cut off, **read ›**

29 **Numbers 6:25** the Lord make his face shine upon you, and have mercy on you; **read ›**

30 **1 Samuel 16:12** So he sent and brought him in. He was ruddy, with beautiful eyes, and good in appearance to the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel, “Arise and anoint David, for he is good.” **read ›**

31 **1 Samuel 21:14** Then Achish said to his servants, “Look, you see the man is mad. Why have you brought him to me? (Septuagint 1 Kingdoms 21:15 (1 Samuel 21:14 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

32 **2 Samuel 14:25** Now in all Israel there was no man so greatly praised as Absalom; from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. **read ›**

33 **2 Kings 1:8** And they said to him, “A hairy man, with a leather belt bound around his waist.” And he said, “It is Elijah the Tishbite.” **read ›**

34 **2 Kings 10:12** Then he arose and went to Samaria. On the way, he was at Baithakath of the shepherds. **read ›**

35 **Job 3:9** May the stars of that night be darkened; may it wait and not come to light, and may it not see the morning star rising, **read ›**

36 **Job 15:10** Indeed both the aged and the very old are among us, older in days than your father. **read ›**

37 **Job 41:32** and the Tartarus of the abyss as a captive; he counts the abyss as his walking ground. (Septuagint Job 41:24 (Job 41:32 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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38 **Psalms 34:5** Come to him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall never be put to shame. (Septuagint Psalm 33:6 (Psalm 34:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

39 **Psalms 45:2** You are lovelier in beauty than the sons of men; grace has been poured out on your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever. (Septuagint Psalm 44:3 (Psalm 45:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

40 **Proverbs 8:14** Counsel and safety are mine; sound judgment is mine, and strength is mine. **read ›**

41 **Proverbs 16:31** Old age is a crown of boasting, but it is found in the ways of righteousness. **read ›**

42 **Proverbs 20:29** Wisdom is an ornament to young men, and gray hairs are the glory of old men. **read ›**

43 **Ecclesiastes 3:16** And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, and there was the ungodly man; and the place of the righteous, and there was the godly man. **read ›**

44 **Ecclesiastes 9:8** At all times let your garments be white, and let not oil be lacking on your head. **read ›**

45 **Ecclesiastes 11:8** For even if a man lives many years, he will be glad in them all, and he will remember the days of darkness, for they will be many. All that comes is vanity. **read ›**

46 **Song of Solomon 4:7** You are all beautiful, my companion, and there is no blemish in you. **read ›**

47 **Song of Solomon 5:10** My kinsman is white and red, chosen out from tens of thousands. **read ›**

48 **Isaiah 6:2** And seraphim stood around him; six wings to the one, and six wings to the other; and with two they covered the face, and with two they covered the feet, and with two they flew. **read ›**

49 **Isaiah 6:6** And one of the seraphim was sent to me, and he had in his hand a coal, which he had taken from the altar with the tongs; **read ›**

50 **Isaiah 7:15** Butter and honey he shall eat, before he knows either to prefer evil or to choose the good. **read ›**

51 **Isaiah 8:9** Know, O Gentiles, and be defeated; listen, to the end of the earth; you who have grown strong, be defeated; for if you grow strong again, again you shall be defeated. **read ›**

52 **Isaiah 52:14** Just as many shall be astonished at you, so your appearance shall be without glory from men, and your glory from the sons of men. **read ›**

53 **Isaiah 53:2** We brought a report, as of a child before him, as of a root in a thirsty land; he has no form or glory; and we saw him, and he had no form or beauty. **read ›**

54 **Isaiah 53:3** But his form was without honor, and failing beside the sons of men; he was a man under a blow, and knowing how to bear sickness; for his face is turned away; he was dishonored and not esteemed. **read ›**

55 **Jeremiah 4:7** A lion has come up from his den; utterly destroying nations, he has set out, and he has gone out from his place to make the land a desolation; and the cities shall be torn down, so that no one lives in them. **read ›**

56 **Jeremiah 29:8** For thus said the Lord: Do not let the false prophets who are among you mislead you, and do not let your fortune-tellers mislead you, and do not listen to your dreams which you dream; (Septuagint Jeremiah 36:8 (Jeremiah 29:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

57 **Jeremiah 44:3** because of their evil which they committed to provoke me, going to burn incense to other gods whom you did not know. (Septuagint Jeremiah 51:3 (Jeremiah 44:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

58 **Jeremiah 49:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

59 **Ezekiel 14:4** Therefore speak to them, and you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord: Any man of the house of Israel who sets his thoughts upon his heart, and places the punishment of his unrighteousness before his face, and comes to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him in the things in which his mind is entangled, **read ›**

60 **Ezekiel 16:14** And your name went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it was made perfect in splendor, in the loveliness that I set upon you, says the Lord. **read ›**

61 **Ezekiel 41:25** And there was carving on them, and on the doors of the temple were cherubim, and palm trees, according to the carving of the holy places; and there were solid timbers in front of the porch outside. **read ›**

62 **Daniel 7:9** I was looking until thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days sat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was a flame of fire, its wheels burning fire. **read ›**

63 **Hosea 8:1** Into their bosom, as the earth; as an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed my covenant and acted ungodly against my law. **read ›**

64 **Hosea 9:8** The watchman of Ephraim is with God; the prophet is a crooked trap in all his ways; they have fixed madness in the house of God. **read ›**

65 **Amos 2:15** and the archer shall certainly not stand his ground, and the swift of foot shall certainly not escape, and the horseman shall certainly not save his life; **read ›**

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66 **Amos 4:9** I struck you with burning and with blight; you multiplied your gardens, your vineyards, and your fig orchards, and the caterpillar devoured your olive groves; yet not even so did you return to me, says the Lord. **read ›**

67 **Judith 3:9** And he came opposite Esdraelon, near Dotaea, which is opposite the great ridge of Judea. **read ›**

68 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:15** He is a burden to us even to look at, for his life is unlike that of others, and his paths are different. **read ›**

69 **Wisdom of Solomon 4:9** but sound judgment is gray hair for men, and a spotless life is ripe old age. **read ›**

70 **Wisdom of Solomon 7:26** For she is a radiance of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Solomon 13:3** If, delighted by their beauty, they took them to be gods, let them know how much better than these is their Master; for the author of beauty created them. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Solomon 13:7** For living among his works they search diligently, and they trust their sight, because the things seen are beautiful. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:19** For he, wishing perhaps to please the ruler, forced his skill to make the likeness more beautiful. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Solomon 15:4** For neither did the evil-working invention of men lead us astray, nor the fruitless toil of shadow-painters, a figure stained with varied colors, **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Solomon 15:19** Nor are they so beautiful as to be desired, as far as the look of animals goes; but they have escaped both the praise of God and his blessing. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 7:4** Do not seek from the Lord a position of leadership, nor from the king a seat of glory. **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Sirach 11:2** Do not praise a man for his beauty, and do not loathe a man for his appearance. **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:25** A man’s heart changes his face, whether for good or for evil. **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:26** A cheerful face is the mark of a heart in good things, and the devising of proverbs is toilsome reasoning. **read ›**

80 **Wisdom of Sirach 19:29** A man will be known by his appearance, and a man of understanding will be known when you meet him face to face. **read ›**

81 **Wisdom of Sirach 25:4** How beautiful is judgment in gray hairs, and for elders to know counsel! **read ›**

82 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:4** Whether rich or poor, his heart is good, and at every time his face is cheerful. **read ›**

83 **Wisdom of Sirach 26:17** A lamp shining on the holy lampstand— so is the beauty of a face on a stately figure. **read ›**

84 **Wisdom of Sirach 36:27** The beauty of a woman brightens the face, and surpasses every desire of a man. **read ›**

85 **Wisdom of Sirach 37:17** The trace of a change of heart: **read ›**

86 **Wisdom of Sirach 45:12** a golden crown upon the turban, an engraved seal of holiness, a glory of honor, a work of strength, the desires of the eyes, beautifully adorned. **read ›**

87 **Wisdom of Sirach 50:11** When he put on the robe of glory and clothed himself in the perfection of glory, when he went up to the holy altar, he made the garment of the sanctuary glorious. **read ›**

88 **Baruch 3:37** After this he appeared on earth and lived among men. **read ›**

89 **Baruch 5:2** Put on the double cloak of the righteousness that comes from God; set on your head the miter of the glory of the Everlasting. **read ›**

90 **1 Maccabees 8:14** yet for all this none of them has put on a diadem or clothed himself in purple, so as to be magnified by it. **read ›**

91 **2 Maccabees 3:16** To see the appearance of the high priest was to be wounded in mind; for his face and the change in his color showed the anguish of his soul. **read ›**

92 **2 Maccabees 3:25** For there appeared to them a horse with a fearsome rider, adorned with the finest trappings; and rushing furiously at Heliodorus, it struck at him with its front hooves. The rider seemed to have full armor of gold. **read ›**

93 **2 Maccabees 3:26** Two other young men also appeared to him, remarkable in strength, most beautiful in glory, and splendid in dress, who stood on either side of him and flogged him continually, laying many blows on him. **read ›**

94 **2 Maccabees 5:25** When he arrived at Jerusalem, he pretended to be peaceful and waited until the holy day of the Sabbath; then, finding the Jews resting from work, he ordered his troops to parade under arms. **read ›**

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95 **2 Maccabees 11:8** And there, while they were still near Jerusalem, a horseman appeared at their head, clothed in white and brandishing weapons of gold. **read ›**

96 **2 Maccabees 15:13** Then in the same way a man appeared, distinguished by his gray hair and glory, and the majesty about him was wonderful and most magnificent. **read ›**

97 **3 Maccabees 6:18** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

98 **4 Maccabees 6:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

99 **4 Maccabees 6:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

100 **4 Maccabees 7:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

101 **4 Maccabees 8:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

102 **1 Enoch 14:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

103 **1 Enoch 14:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

104 **1 Enoch 46:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

105 **1 Enoch 47:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

106 **1 Enoch 60:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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123 **Matthew 17:2** He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as the light. **read ›**

124 **Matthew 28:3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was white as snow. **read ›**

125 **Mark 1:9** In those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **read ›**

126 **Mark 9:2** After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and brought them up a high mountain privately, by themselves. He was transfigured before them, **read ›**

127 **Mark 9:3** and his garments became shining, exceedingly white as snow, whiter than any launderer on earth could make them. **read ›**

128 **Luke 3:3** He came into all the region around the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for remission of sins, **read ›**

129 **Luke 3:5** Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked places shall become straight, and the rough ways shall become smooth roads. **read ›**

130 **Luke 9:29** As he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became white and dazzling. **read ›**

131 **Luke 9:32** Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men who stood with him. **read ›**

132 **Luke 19:3** He was trying to see who Jesus was, and could not because of the crowd, because he was short. **read ›**

133 **Luke 24:4** While they were greatly perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. **read ›**

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134 **Luke 24:19** He said to them, “What things?” They said to him, “The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people; **read ›**

135 **John 2:6** Now six stone water pots were set there for the Jews’ purification, each holding two or three metretes. **read ›**

136 **John 19:5** Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. Pilate said to them, “Behold, the man!” **read ›**

137 **Acts 1:12** Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. **read ›**

138 **Acts 3:17** Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your rulers. **read ›**

139 **Acts 6:15** All who sat in the council looked intently at him and saw his face like the face of an angel. **read ›**

140 **Acts 11:3** saying, “You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!” **read ›**

141 **Acts 13:31** and he was seen for many days by those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses to the people. **read ›**

142 **1 Corinthians 5:2** And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, so that the one who did this deed might be removed from among you. **read ›**

143 **1 Corinthians 15:49** And as we have borne the image of the one made of dust, let us also bear the image of the heavenly one. **read ›**

144 **Ephesians 1:10** for an administration when the times reach their fullness, to sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth— **read ›**

145 **Philippians 2:6** who, being in the form of God, did not regard being equal with God as a thing to be seized, **read ›**

146 **Philippians 2:7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming to be in the likeness of men. **read ›**

147 **Philippians 2:8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. **read ›**

148 **Colossians 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **read ›**

149 **Hebrews 7:3** without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God), remains a priest continually. **read ›**

150 **1 Peter 2:22** who did no sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth; **read ›**

151 **Revelation 1:13** and among the seven lampstands one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to his feet, with a golden belt around his chest. **read ›**

152 **Revelation 1:14** His head and his hair were white as white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire. **read ›**

153 **Revelation 7:13** One of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and where did they come from?” **read ›**

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