What did Jesus look like?

Philippians 2:1-11

***Philippians 2:5-8 “5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.”***

The early church did not have any picture depicting Jesus as a man and it was biblical – *Read Exodus 20:4 ““You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;”*

Historian Jesse Lyman Hurlbut wrote of the first century: “Idol worship was interwoven with life in every department. Images stood in every house to receive adoration; libations were poured out to the gods at every festival; with every civic or provincial ceremony, the images were worshiped. In such forms the [early] Christians would take no part” (The Story of the Christian Church, 1970, p. 41).

First portrait of the physical appearance of Jesus was not until Constantine around A.D. 272. (<https://lifehopeandtruth.com/god/who-is-jesus/where-did-the-popular-image-of-jesus-come-from/>)

**We are not to focus on the physical appearance of Christ, but we are to focus on the spiritual appearance of Christ**

We need to look like Christ on the inside, I Samuel 16:7 teaches that God does not look at outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart.

Jesus’ physical appearance is not important, what is important is how the Holy Spirit changes our spiritual appearance.

The majority of us spend on average 11 to 30 minutes each day getting our physical appearance in order?

The average household has 4.4 bibles, 80% of churchgoers do not read their bible, and the average Christian only spends 5 minutes a day in prayer. It is no wonder people say they do not know what to do with their lives or that God does not speak to them.

If the average Christian (true believer) spent as much time as they did getting ready on God think of what our homes, our schools, our churches would look like.

End with - We put too much stock in our physical appearances, but not enough in our spiritual appearance. Ephesians 5:1-2 states “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Prayer!