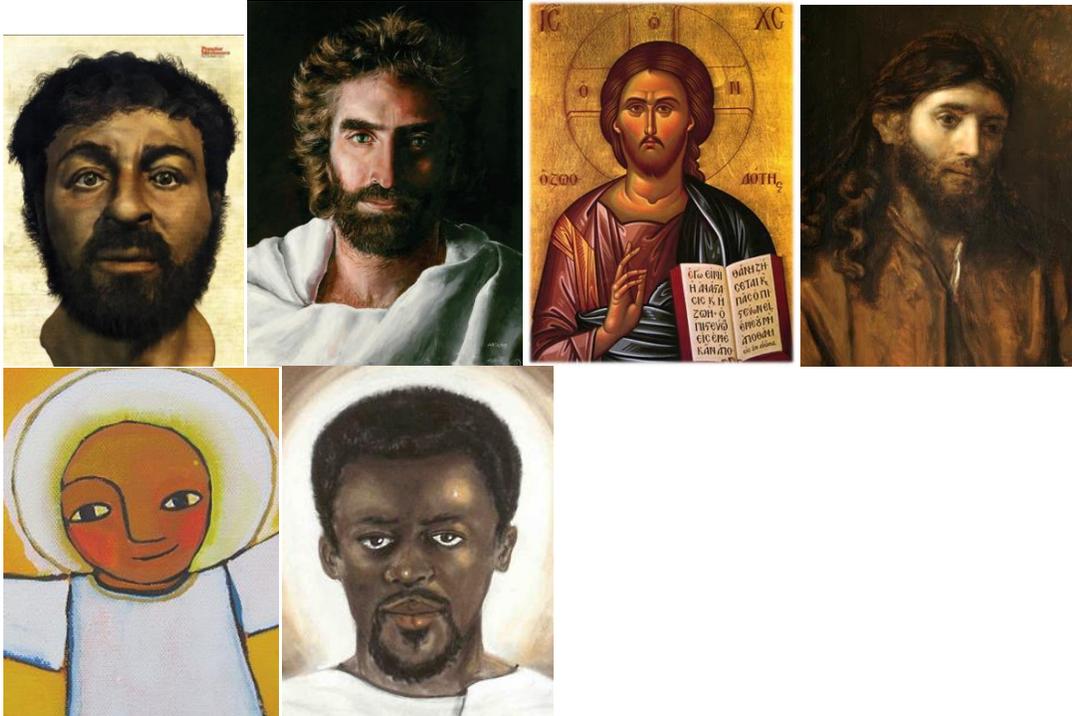


Hebrews - Picture of Jesus

Hebrews 1:1-3

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Pictures of Jesus - Who is This?



Bobble Head Jesus

Paintings of Jesus

Actors

TV Shows

We have no true representation of Jesus

No drawings

No paintings

No photos

But Jesus does live in our heart through the the Holy Spirit

One day we will see him face to face - not today, but one day when he returns or calls us home.

Let's Draw a picture of Jesus - how we feel about him and who he is.

Children: Draw a Picture of Jesus or Write him message or both!

Adults: Write a message or prayer to Jesus telling him who he is to you.

An Intro to Hebrews

Hebrews is one of the more theologically complex books of Scripture, but here is an overview of it for you.

Apart from the Gospels, it is arguably the most revealing book of the Bible about Jesus.

It is "The Letter to the Hebrews"

Traditionally thought to have been written by Paul for centuries until people realized the style was rather different.

No Pauline greetings are in the letter & the style is different from the other epistles.

As such, the authorship of this letter is undetermined.

This however, does not detract from its ancient roots & the determining factors of canonicity.

There were apostolic (associated with the apostles), orthodox (consistent with apostolic teaching), catholic (widely distributed in the early churches) and nurturing (found to be edifying).

The letter of Hebrews deals with one thing primarily - Who is Jesus?

The first 10 chapters are devoted to this.

The remaining 3 chapters focus on the implications what this means for us as his followers.

This was written to Hebrews - the Jewish people who would have connected with the history and practices of Israel.

So the imagery is OT oriented.

So in Short form, this is what it says about Jesus:

1. He is the Son of God
2. He is Higher than the Angels (in other words, not merely a servant of God) vs. Angel Worship
3. He is fully Human (and therefore can both identify with and represent us) vs. Certain Heresies
4. He is Greater than Moses (the lawgiver)
5. He is the Fulfilment of the Sabbath (which is not merely rest, but Shalom.)
6. He is the Great High Priest (who represents the people)

More specifically, in the mysterious order of Melchizedek ("Righteous King" in Hebrew)

A character who is not an Israelite and yet Abraham pays homage to in Genesis.

Melchizedek is noted as the king of Salem - Shalom.

Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the King of Peace, the Righteous King.

7. He is the Lamb of God - The Sacrifice

Who is Jesus to You?

The Sharing of Pictures and Prayers

A Picture of Jesus - Ben Harper

It hangs above my altar

Like they hung him from a cross

I keep one in my wallet

For the times I feel lost

I feel lost

In a wooden frame with splinters

Where my family kneels to pray

And if you listen close

You'll hear the words he used to say

I've got a picture of Jesus

In his arms so many prayers rest
We've got a picture of Jesus
And with him we shall be forever blessed
Forever blessed
Forever blessed

Now it has been spoken
He would come again
But would we recognize
This king among men
There was a man in our time
His words shine bright like the sun
He tried to lift the masses
And was crucified by gun

He was a picture of Jesus
With him so many prayers rest
He is a picture of Jesus
In his arms so many prayers
So many prayers
So many prayers rest
With him we shall be forever blessed
Forever blessed
Forever blessed

Some days have no beginning
And some days have no end
Some roads are straight and narrow
And some roads only bend
So let us say a prayer
For every living thing
Walking towards a light
From the cross of a king
We long to be a picture of Jesus
Of Jesus
In his arms
In his arms so many prayers rest
I long to be a picture of Jesus
With him we shall be forever blessed
With him we shall
With him we shall be forever blessed
Oh- Oh- I long
I've got a picture of Jesus