

Talk: what does Jesus look like?

So, we've been thinking about what Jesus looks like and discovered that his appearance is a matter of opinion. And that our opinion is coloured by where we live... (ad-lib)

And in fact, if we are honest, none of us knows what Jesus looks like. We might know what we want him to look like, but the truth is, is that mostly we just don't know...

The only help we get anywhere, is one little statement in the New Testament, and another little statement in the Old Testament.

In the New Testament, we hear these words

***he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,***

Philippians 2:7-8

And in the Old Testament, in a prophecy, we are told

***he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.***

Isaiah 53:2

So, in other words, all we know about Jesus' appearance, is that he was a man who wasn't anything special to look at. He wasn't particularly good looking, and he wasn't particularly ugly.

He was just a standard, non-descript looking bloke.

So, if we don't know what Jesus looked like, then what is important about Jesus?

Well, the truth is, is that it's what he did that, is so astonishing and so amazing. It's what he gave up that is so humbling...

What Jesus achieved for the whole human race, is what is really important. That's what's important for you and me.

Not his appearance; not whether or not he had long hair or short hair, or white skin, or dark skin. None of that is more important than what he did during three astounding years of ministry.

Shall I tell what it was that he did?

I will tell you... next week!