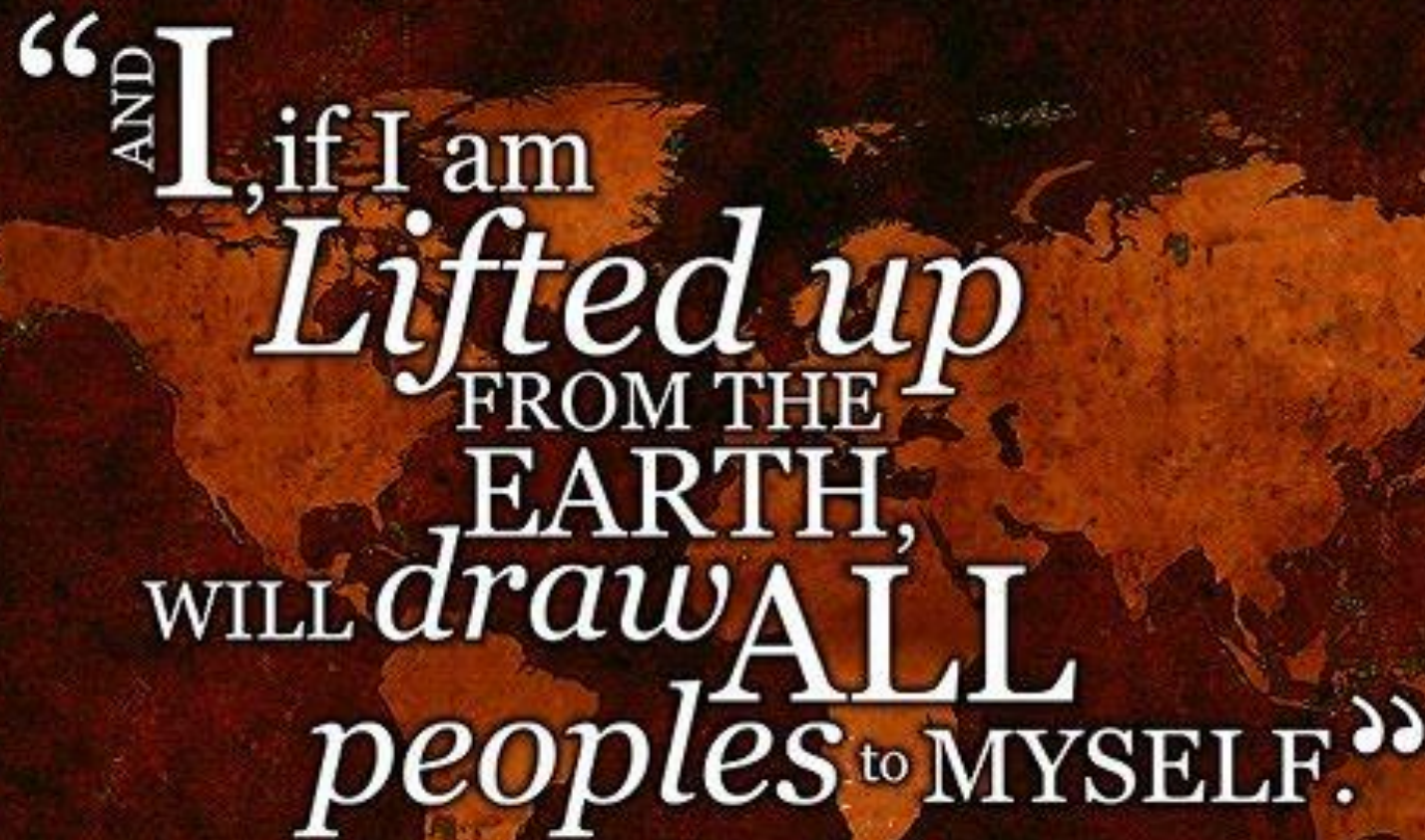


# I HAVE BEEN THERE

- Hebrews 2:9-18 (NIV2011)
- ***9 But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.***
- ***10 In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.***
- ***11 Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.***
- ***12 He says, “I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.”***
- ***13 And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”***

- *14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—*
- *15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*
- *16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants.*
- *17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.*
- *18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*



“<sup>AND</sup> I, if I am  
*Lifted up*  
FROM THE  
EARTH,  
WILL *draw* ALL  
*peoples* <sup>to</sup> MYSELF.”

John 12:32

John 14:9 (NIV)

*9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”*



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*"I've been there."*

# HIS HOME TOWN

- "Does anything good come out of Nazareth?"
- Luke 2:22-24 (NIV2011) **22** *When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."*

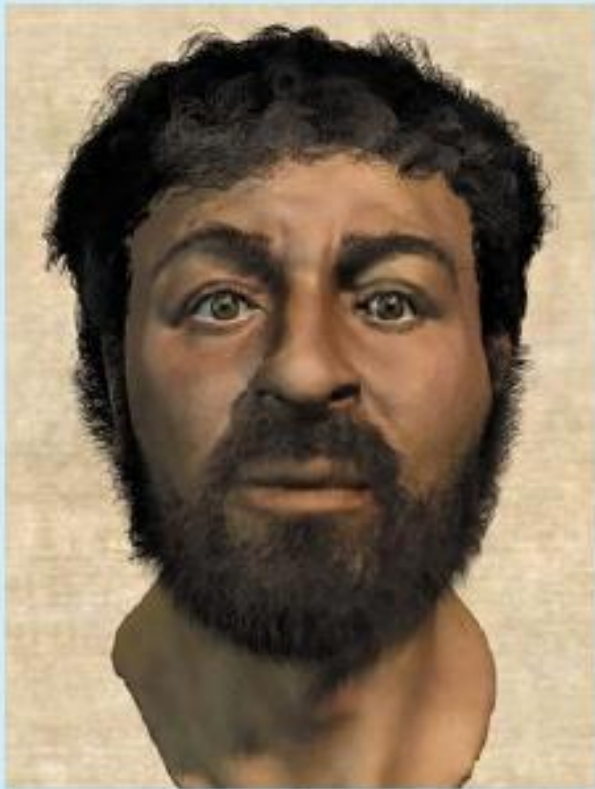


# A SINGLE MOM

- Mark 6:3 - (NIV2011) *3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.*

**LOOK FOR A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS  
NOTHING SPECIAL TO THE PEOPLE  
OF HIS CITY.**

- *"No stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him" Isaiah 53:2.*



**“Starting with the assumption that Jesus resembled a typical peasant from 1st century CE Palestine, Richard Neave, a medical artist retired from the *University of Manchester* in England, and a team of researchers ‘started with an Israeli skull dating back to the 1st century. They then used computer programs, clay, simulated skin and their knowledge about the Jewish people of the time to determine the shape of the face, and color of eyes and skin.”** (ReligiousTolerance.org)

### **The average Palestinian peasant had:**

- 3) Dark Olive Skin,
- 4) short curly hair
- 5) A Prominent nose Height about 5' 1"
- 6) Weight about 110 pounds. “

(ReligiousTolerance.org)

*"his body was small and ill-shapen and ignoble."*



*He's been there.*

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Hebrews 2:17-18 - *"He had to enter into every detail of human life. Then, when he came before God as high priest to get rid of the people's sins, he would have already experienced it all himself — all the pain, all the testing — and would be able to help where help was needed"*

# HE'S BEEN THERE

- Mark 1:35 - *"Early the next morning, while it was still dark, Jesus woke and left the house. He went to a lonely place, where he prayed"*
- Mark 6:31 - *"Crowds of people were coming and going so that Jesus and his followers did not even have time to eat".*
- Matthew 15:30 - *"Great crowds came to Jesus, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, those who could not speak, and many others. They put them at Jesus' feet, and he healed them".*

- Mark 3:21 - *"When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him home with them. 'He's out of his mind,' they said"*.
- Matthew 11:19 (NIV2011) *19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."*
- *"tried to find something false against Jesus so they could kill him"* Matthew 26:59



- Matthew 26:40 - *"You men could not stay awake with me for one hour?"*.
- *"No one knows when that day or time will be, not the angels in heaven, not even the Son"*  
Matthew 24:36.
- *Jesus has been there. He experienced "all the pain, all the testing"*  
(Hebrews 2:18).

# WHY WOULD HE DO THIS?

- So, you would know that *"he is able . . . to run to the cry of . . . those who are being tempted and tested and tried"* (Hebrews 2:18).



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*"He is able to hear the cry of those who are being persecuted and tested and tried."*

**He's been there.**



***“Jesus, who makes people holy, and those who are made holy are from the same family. So he is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters”***

**(Hebrews 2:11).**

Matthew 25:23 (NLT2) *“The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’*”