

=THE BODY OF JESUS=

Lesson 5

The Hair of Jesus

INTRODUCTION: Hair was very important to our Lord. He reminds us in Matthew 10:30 and in Luke 12:7 that “the very hairs of your head are all numbered.” The modern thought is that Jesus had long hair. The hippie crowd especially delights in reminding us that this is taught. The artists usually paint Him as a long-haired person. Let us see what the Bible says about His hair.

- I. THE BIBLE NEVER SAYS HE HAD LONG HAIR. There is not one verse of Scripture that even implies that His hair was long.
- II. HE LIVED IN A DAY WHEN MEN WORE SHORT HAIR. The statues of men in the time of the life of Christ are statues of men who had short hair. For example: The statues of Cæsar show him with short hair. On the old coins of Cæsar he is shown with short hair.
- III. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AGAINST THE PLAIN TEACHING OF THE BIBLE FOR JESUS TO HAVE HAD LONG HAIR, I Corinthians 11:14, 15. Since the woman is under the man, she is to have long hair. Since the man is over the woman, he is to have short hair. Hence, the Bible says it is a shame for a man to have long hair. There are two things taught here:
 1. God is saying that a man should not have long hair.
 2. Paul is obviously saying that the society of his day would have thought it shameful for a man to have long hair.
- IV. JESUS WAS PROBABLY NOT A NAZARITE. The Nazarite vow (a vow taken by someone totally committed to God) required that a man should let his hair grow. Many contend that Jesus had long hair because they say He was a Nazarite. The truth is, we have no record in the Bible that He ever was a Nazarite. There are at least two reasons:
 1. A Nazarite could not eat grapes or drink grape juice or eat anything made of the vine tree, Numbers 6:2-4. Jesus, when He started the Lord’s Supper, drank of the fruit of the vine; hence, He was not a Nazarite. See Mark 14:23.
 2. A Nazarite could not touch a dead body, Numbers 6:6. Jesus also broke this vow in that He reached out and touched the dead body of the girl. See Mark 5:41.
- V. IF HE HAD BEEN A NAZARITE, HE STILL WOULD NOT HAVE HAD LONG HAIR. The Nazarite vow was one taken for only a short period of time. The Bible says that it was just for “days,” Numbers 6:5, 6, 13. After these “days” were over, the Nazarite was to shave his head, Numbers 6:18. Hence, if Jesus had been a Nazarite, it would have been for only a short period, which means that His hair would not have gotten very long. Then it surely would have been short the rest of His life; in fact, very short for a long time, for He would have had to shave His head at the conclusion of the “days of the vow.”
- VI. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS HAVING SHORT HAIR. At least one historian of His day described His hair. Jesus was described as a tall man with chestnut-colored hair parted in the middle, with short hair which turned up at the end.
- VII. WHEN HE COMES AGAIN, HIS HAIR WILL BE WHITE, Revelation 1:14.