

### Chapter 1 : A Heart Like Jesus - FaithGateway

*Jesus was SUBMISSIVE to His Father's will when He came to earth and subsequently went to the cross. He knew that dying on the cross was the only payment His Father could accept for our salvation. He prayed the night of His betrayal by Judas, "O My Father, if it be possible, take this cup of suffering from Me: but LET WHAT YOU WANT BE DONE, NOT.*

Kathleen Magiera September 23, at 4: I smiled when I saw all the images of Jesus. My favorite image is 4. It is the picture I use when I am doing my yoga. I was a bit surprised at the anthropological picture of Jesus but that one actually make sense. I think the image of Jesus that I chose says something more about my culture than what Jesus really looked like historically. It matters how I live my life in light of the Gospel Jesus preached. Kathleen Chris Keil September 23, at 9: Image 1 brings back images of my grandparents home, which is where I first saw that. Michelle September 23, at September 23, at We can get caught up in our view of the surface of a thing and miss the heart of the matter. Your reflection invites me to consider how I do this in so many areas of my life. As Kathleen writes above, the appearance of Jesus matters far less than how I live my life as his disciple. Marjorie September 23, at God is reflected in each of us, right? I am always bothered by depictions of Mary. She is no beautiful young virgin to me, but a strong, older woman who bore the hardest of all experiences in seeing her Son crucified. We picture who we need our spirit guides and God to be. In the long run, I imagine that is just fine with them. Thanks for the interesting topic, Melannie. Carol Dikovitsky September 23, at I think now that Jesus has many different faces, depending on the time, culture and beliefs of the people who ask to see him. Pat September 23, at I try very hard to see all people in that capacity. The inner person is really what counts.

### Chapter 2 : “ANE TODAY” “ What did Jesus look like?

*Jesus (c. 4 BC - c. AD 30 / 33), also referred to as Jesus of Nazareth and Jesus Christ, was a first-century Jewish preacher and religious leader. He is the central figure of Christianity.*

I live with full-throttle ambition and no shortage of self-interest. I jockey for position and I like exclusive privileges. I can be judgmental, insensitive, petty and resentful. Oh, and I can be cheap and stingy. But I want to love like Jesus. When we love like Jesus we are lifted outside ourselves. His brand of love sees beyond the normal range of human vision “ over walls of resentment and barriers of betrayal. When we love like Jesus we rise above petty demands and snobbish entitlement. We loosen our tightfisted anxiety and relax in a surplus of benevolence. Most of all, the Jesus model of love inspires our spirit to transcend who we are tempted to settle for. After all, He raised the bar of love to extraordinary heights. Walk the extra mile? Turn the other cheek? To love like Jesus we need to think and feel. We need reason and emotion. We need both our head and heart, working together. Let that sentence soak in. Your mind can do an about-face when it receives a divine impulse from your heart. Your mind can be transformed when it listens to your heart. Loving like Jesus is more obtainable than you might imagine. His teaching and example reveal at least five distinct and practical qualities of His love:

Chapter 3 : Jesus - Wikipedia

*No one knows exactly what Jesus looked like, since his physical appearance is not described in the Bible. This indicates that Jesus' physical features are not important.*

This book was written to both identify how Jesus Christ in His humanity is like us and how He is different. Here is a brief summary: Jesus came face-to-face with the root of our problem. The Savior of man came to the very spot where sin had taken the place of self-sacrificing love. The greatest battle we have to fight is against selfishness. Jesus fought that battle every day Matthew The will of Christ was just like yours and mine. He did not naturally want the cross. In this way Jesus was just like us, but He was far more than us. He denied Himself and revealed the other centered love of God. Jesus was always obedient to God, He was sinless, holy and undefiled by sin. And being so, He recoiled from the sins that attract us. Hating sin and loving God, He crucified the natural self-will. The humanity that Jesus took possessed the root of the sin problemâ€”self-will. And taking that humanity, Jesus overcame the self-centered human will in our behalf, crushing our selfishness by ever submitting His human will to God. In Christ, fallen human nature stood victorious over selfishness. Our Savior longs for every person to receive and know the forgotten joy of this salvation from self. Take hold of the fact that Christ loves you more than Himself. Let this love infuse every fiber of your being and you will know the true joy of other-centered living. Get more like it in your inboxâ€”subscribe today:

**Chapter 4 : What was the historical Jesus like? Who was Jesus as a person?**

*He wants you to "think and act like Christ Jesus" (Philippians ). God's plan for you is nothing short of a new heart. "You were taught to be made new in your hearts, to become a new person.*

This morning, we will continue in our series on Jesus by examining the third point. The Jesus who meets us in the pages of the four Gospels is very different from the picture many of us have of Him. When I observe the Gospels, I notice that: However, some people feel that Jesus was the kind of person who was always gentle and meek and never stood up against the things that were contrary to the Will of God. I also see a man who stood up against the false teachings of the religious leaders of His day. He once told an adulterous women in Jn. Likewise, Jesus is not the miserable holy man who never laughs. He is not the fearsome judge who watches to see if we are enjoying ourselves and then tells us to stop. Nor is He the lifeless figure in the stained-glass window. Jesus is radiantly alive and loves each and every one of us. There is a great deal we would like to know about Jesus that we are simply not told. We do not even know what He looked like. He was a Palestinian Jew, and as such the color of His skin would be olive, and His eyes brown. Palestinian Jews had black hair and usually wore it long and carefully groomed. They valued a full beard. His mother tongue was Aramaic, a dialect of Hebrew, which He would have spoken with a northern accent common to Galilee where He was brought up. But He could speak Greek and probably some Latin and was thoroughly at home in the Hebrew Scriptures. He wore a sleeveless undergarment with a girdle, the customary cloak and sandals, and carried a staff on journeys. That is all we know about His appearance or can guess with confidence. Although the Gospels talk very little about what Jesus looked like, they tell us a lot about His Character. He loved His friends. He loved them even though at times they denied even knowing Him like Peter. Despite His friends lack of perfection and devotion, Jesus loved them with every fiber of His being. Do you love them despite their shortcomings? Are you loyal to them? Do you treasure them the way Jesus treasured His friends? His example should inspire us to shower more love to our friends. He loved the sick. How many of you purposely and knowingly reached out and touched someone who had a rash? By Him touching a man with leprosy, would be like us touching a person with an infectious rash. Jesus reached out to the sick, dying, and the diseased ridden people. How long has it been since you have visited, hugged, and encouraged someone who is ill? What kind of sacrifices do you make to reach out to those who are in need and afflicted with illnesses? He loved the unlovable and taught His disciples to do the same. Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? We are to love even our enemies. Are we going to love our hate our enemies? Victor Frankl, the bold, courageous Jew who became a prisoner during the Holocaust, endured years of indignity and humiliation by the Nazis before he was finally liberated. At the beginning of his ordeal, he was marched into a gestapo courtroom. His captors had taken away his home and family, his cherished freedom, his possessions, even his watch and wedding ring. They had shaved his head and stripped his clothing off his body. There he stood before the German high command, under the glaring lights being interrogated and falsely accused. He was destitute, a helpless pawn in the hands of brutal, prejudiced, sadistic men. He suddenly realized there was one thing no one could ever take from him -- just one. Do you know what it was? Frankl realized he still had the power to choose his own attitude. No matter what anyone would ever do to him, regardless of what the future held for him, the attitude choice was his to make. To give up or to go on. Determination to endure or the paralysis of self-pity. Frankl chose to love the unlovable and we must do the same. The love Jesus taught, the love He exhibited, was to be the supreme hallmark of His disciples. Tragically, we as His followers have fallen short of such love. Yet, it is never too late to start Christening ourselves with the characteristic of love. And Jesus actually did love with the highest love of all. He loved, not some of the time; all of the time. Not some people; but all people. That is what Jesus was and is like. I think that John 8: Jesus said, "â€œfor I always do what pleases Him. Even though Jesus was the Lord of Lords, the king of kings, the savior of the world, He still humbled Himself and became obedient to His Father. He came to earth as a servant although He had every right to come as a sovereign. Every day that He walked this earth, He lived a life of obedience. He submitted to the will of His father, and He gave His father the very best He

had to offer. Jason was 14 and Tommy was 12. While most older brothers wanted nothing to do with their younger brothers, Jason would always try to invite Tommy to participate in his activities. Tommy loved his big brother. They were true pals. Tommy often wondered what he would do without his older brother. You see, little Tommy had been born with a cardiopulmonary disease. Knowing this, the other boys never wanted Tommy to be on their team. They would fight over whose team Tommy would have to be on and he was often labeled as a wimp or sissy by the healthier boys. But things were different around his older brother Jason. Sometimes Tommy and Jason would play their own game of baseball. Jason was a good athlete and everyone wanted Jason on his or her team. However, Jason would only consent to play if they would also let Tommy be on his team. If the other boys said no, then Jason and Tommy would both leave and do something together. School had just ended and it was summer now. Curt, Nathan and Ron wanted to go on an overnighter in the mountains. Naturally, they wanted Jason to come along also. Curt was quick to respond. What if he wants Tommy to tag along? Are you with us? Finally, Curt spoke up. Tommy would slow us all down. Tommy was standing by his bedroom door, listening intently to the whole conversation. He was bravely trying to hold back the tears of rejection. You guys have fun. We can leave a little bit earlier to give us more time. Tommy was ready by 5: This was to be his first real hike. He wanted so much to please Jason by walking fast, but the faster he walked, the sooner he would have to rest. The other boys were anxious to get to the campsite, and often found themselves leaving Jason and Tommy behind. Let me carry yours, too," Jason said, with concern for his brother. Embarrassed, Tommy gave Jason his heavy burden. After two miles, Tommy was struggling with fatigue. He was sweating profusely and fighting for air. His chest felt tight, too. The other boys were out of sight now.

### Chapter 5 : What did Jesus really look like? - BBC News

*The Real Face Of Jesus. Further clouding the question of what Jesus looked like is the simple fact that nowhere in the New Testament is Jesus described, nor have any drawings of him ever been.*

You name it, they like it, and they want to tell the world. Close to 3 million people on Facebook like Jesus Christ, according to the Jesus Christ public figure page that someone set up. Interestingly, when I went to check it out, it turns out that Jesus Christ and I have five mutual friends. A few spring instantly to mind: Moses only around 4, people like him and Isaiah only 2, - no one ever likes the prophets. Maybe a couple of books: I mean, he only brought out five loaves and two fish for 5, people. Food pantries might be high on his list. Maybe TobyMac or Kirk Franklin instead. Dare I suggest Mumford and Sons? Even if they use obscene words in their music? What does it mean when you like something on Facebook? Does it mean that you appreciate something? Or does it mean that you accept and condone everything that comes with it? This is, after all, one of the more difficult aspects of living as a Christian within a culture. Jesus can come at this a bit differently; with pure and holy motives he can love completely even when the cracks and fissures of the broken are on display for all to see. For instance, it seems obvious to me that Jesus is pro-life, against both abortion and the death penalty, because I am. The fact is, he does. He likes them all. We are here to love them all. Jesus would probably wear out the like button. Illustration by Schuyler Roozeboom.

### Chapter 6 : What Jesus was like - Orthodox Church in America

*When I list what I think Jesus would like, I realize that it often has more to do with what I like. For instance, it seems obvious to me that Jesus is pro-life, against both abortion and the death penalty, because I am.*

What did Jesus look like? We can infer that Jesus had a darker skin complexion, darker eye color and darker hair color because He was born to a Jewish family. Browse article contents What does Jesus look like in heaven? Why is this important? He looked similar to the other Jews living in Israel at the time and thus there was little to distinguish Him from the rest of the crowd. Another fact that sheds light upon what Jesus looked like was his profession. Carpenters worked long hours without the aid of modern power tools meaning that Jesus probably had a muscular build with strong rough hands. Where was Jesus Born? The Old Testament prophesied in Isaiah 53 that Jesus would not have any external features or beauty that would attract or draw people to Him. Isaiah adds that Jesus would grow up like a plant out of dry ground with no form of kingly majesty. In short, Jesus looked like an average person with no distinguishing characteristics. Instead they followed Him because of His words, teachings and doctrine. Imagine what Jesus looked like after going through all of that torture. Imagine the look on His face when the nails were placed in His hands. Imagine the look on His face when the crown of thorns was placed on His head. Imagine the look on His face when He forgave Peter. The book of Revelation describes what Jesus looks like after ascending to heaven with a glorified body. In two main places, Revelation 1 and 19, John sees Jesus in vision and writes down the following description. His head and hair are white like snow Rev 1: John sees Jesus holding seven stars in His right hand Rev 1: Revelation 19 also paints the picture of Jesus coming back to earth crowned with many crowns and sitting upon a white horse having a name written upon Him which no man knew Rev Revelation also says that the voice of Jesus is like a trumpet and the sound of many waters Rev 1: Dressed in linen Daniel

## Chapter 7 : What Did Jesus Look Like?

*Recently we published a small book on the humanity of Jesus Christ entitled, How Jesus Was Like Us. This book was written to both identify how Jesus Christ in His humanity is like us and how He is different. Here is a brief summary: Jesus came face-to-face with the root of our problem. The Savior of.*

But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. You are my friends if you do what I command. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. And since I, the master of the household, have been called the prince of demons, the members of my household will be called by even worse names! The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. Do you remember what I told you? And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life. Phil Johnson is a Pastor along with: Can that kind of faith save anyone? What good does that do? Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. I will show you my faith by my good deeds. Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. Rahab the

prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. After all, the Father set me apart and sent me into the world. Your Word is Truth. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. So he went and preached to the spirits in prison— those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority. So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin. So we will not be afraid on the Day of Judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

**Chapter 8 : What was Jesus like as a person?**

*14 Ways We Are To Be Like Jesus Christ Conforming to the Image of Jesus Christ - Scriptures & List. calendrierdelascience.com / SO4J-TV. 14 Ways We Are To Be Like Jesus Christ - Conforming to the Image of Christ - How a True Believer can be more Conformed to the Image of Jesus Christ.*

What Did Jesus Look Like? Taylor Everyone knows what Jesus looks like: But what did he really look like, as a man living in Judaea in the 1st century? This subject has long been of interest. I have already written on John the Baptist and his clothing, but not about Jesus. Nevertheless, over the years, numerous television documentaries have asked me for guidance on dramatizing aspects of ancient life. In order to give them clear directions, I gathered information about what Jesus looked like, or rather, what he is said to have worn. I would like to share this here. It is worth emphasizing that images of Jesus over time give us clues on how Jesus was imagined in different environments, but say absolutely nothing about what he really looked like. Our images of Jesus were largely created in the Byzantine era 4th-6th centuries. It was so well-known that the Roman Emperor Augustus had a copy of himself made in the same style, but without the godly long hair and beard. Men in the 1st century rarely had long hair; it was considered either godly or girlie. This iconography of Jesus with long hair, a beard and a halo comes from the 4th century onwards, with Jesus sitting on a heavenly throne, like Olympian Zeus, as cosmic judge of the world: Apsis mosaic of Santa Pudenziana Wikimedia Commons Everything here, from the long golden robe to the long hair and beard, has meaning. The point is not to show Jesus as a man of 1st-century Judaea, but to make theological points about Jesus as Christ King , and divine Son. Wikimedia Commons But at the time of Jesus long tunics were usually worn by women, not men. But Jesus scorned men who advertised their status by wearing these Mark It is so ironic then that he is often depicted as wearing a longer garment himself. He is also beardless and short-haired. We see this in the depiction of Jesus healing a woman with an issue of blood Mark 5: Portrait of Augustus created ca. Wikimedia Commons Jesus was recognizable in these portrayals not because of how he looked but by what he did. The Gospel stories were so familiar to the viewers that they recognized Jesus from what was being shown. Still, for people today, this image of Jesus seems strange. As a kind of wandering sage, I think he would have had one, simply because he did not go to barbers. This was also the common appearance of a philosopher; the Stoic philosopher Epictetus considered it appropriately natural. He did not have a beard just because he was a Jew. A beard was not distinctive of Jews in antiquity. While by the time the Babylonian Talmud was written in the 5th-6th centuries beardedness might have been common for Jewish men b. In fact, one of the problems for oppressors of Jews in the Diaspora was identifying them when they looked like everyone else. However, the Jewish men on Judaea Capta coins issued by Rome after the capture of Jerusalem in 70 CE are bearded but with short hair; this is probably how Romans imagined Jewish men in Judaea, even if in the Diaspora a Jewish man may have looked like every other guy. So what did Jesus really look like? Important insights into dress and appearance are gained by studies of the Egyptian mummy portraits from the 1st century BCE to the 3rd century CE. These portraits depict a style of clothing and hair that was probably universal in the eastern Mediterranean, including in the region of Judaea. This is also clear from the archaeological discoveries of Masada and the Judaeon Desert Caves. The clothing of rich people was mainly distinguished by expensive dyes and fineness of the cloth, but the actual styles were quite similar. Men were supposed to be ready for action "movement" so they did not usually have long robes; the high status longer garment sometimes worn by the elite advertised leisure. These are seen in many examples from excavations in sites close to the Dead Sea, where textiles have been well preserved, especially from Nahal Hever and Masada. Judaea Capta coin Wikimedia Commons On top of the tunic a man would wear a himation or mantle, a large piece of woolen material color. Jesus did not wear white. This color was distinctive, requiring bleaching, and in Judaea it was associated with the Essenes Josephus, War 2: It is also associated with heavenly attire Mark He is thus transformed into wearing the shining garb of angels. Jesus would probably have worn un-dyed wool for his tunic and a dyed mantle. It is clear from clothing found in Masada and the caves by the Dead Sea that clothing was often very highly colored. Their cloth was durable and they did not wear earthy hues but vibrant ones,

especially for their himatia. Jesus is said in the Gospel of John It could not be separated out into pieces as was sometimes the case so they cast lots for which soldier would take it. This is curious because one person described as wearing a seamless garment is the high priest Josephus, Ant. Was John trying to make some hidden allusion to the high priest? The Roman soldiers divided his mantles himatia into four shares John This is especially interesting. One of the himatia was probably a tallith or prayer shawl. This was traditionally made of undyed creamy-colored woollen material with blue-striped edges and fringes, which would be drawn over the head when praying. While there were no fringed mantles found in the Cave of Letters, there was blue wool with fringes tzitzith , possibly used to make them. Since talliths are defined as distinctive clothing for Jewish men, worn either singly or with another mantle for warmth, there seems no reason to doubt that Jesus wore one. Indications that Jesus wore a regular mantle as well as the tallith mantle are found not only at the crucifixion scene but also on another occasion: Jesus takes off his mantles, himatia, when he washes the feet of his disciples John Here there is a distinction made between the mantles he took off and the tunic he kept on. The Gospel of John, therefore, provides a specific indication of what Jesus wore which correlates with the presentation of the night of Passover eve as cold John Jesus would have worn a mantle for warmth along with a distinctively Jewish tallith, as other Jewish men would have worn in cold weather. Jesus would have worn sandals. In the desert caves close to the Dead Sea and Masada sandals from the time of Jesus have come to light. They were very simple, with the soles of thick pieces of leather sewn together, and the upper parts made of straps of leather going through the toes. In the mummy portraits, the people were Greek-Egyptian, but there was a large Jewish population also in Egypt and some ethnic mixing. Mummy Portrait of a young officer with sword belt, Berlin Wikimedia Commons If we are to imagine Jesus then, as a Jew of his time, the mummy paintings provide a good clue to his appearance. However, there is one other place to look: The depiction of Moses on the walls of the synagogue of Dura-Europos is probably the closest fit, I think, since it shows how a Jewish sage was imagined in the Graeco-Roman world. Moses is shown in undyed clothing, appropriate to tastes of ascetic masculinity eschewing color , and his one mantle is a tallith, since one can see tassels tzitzith. This image is a far more correct as a basis for imagining the historical Jesus than the adaptations of the Byzantine Jesus that have become standard. American Schools of Oriental Research P.

Chapter 9 : Jesuslike - Wiktionary

*Jesus Christ was hailed by the people of Judea as the Messiah and Savior, but the religious and civil authorities believed that he threatened the established order and their control of the people.*

Devotionals Daily March 19, What if, for one day, Jesus were to become you? Only one change occurs. His priorities govern your actions. His love directs your behavior. What would you be like? Would people notice a change? What about the less fortunate? How about your enemies? How would you feel? Would you sleep better? Would you see sunsets differently? Ouch, that touched a nerve. Better yet, would you still do what you are doing? Pause and think about your schedule. Keep working on this for a moment. God wants you to be just like Jesus. He wants you to be just like Jesus. If you think His love would be deeper if your thoughts were, wrong again. He loves you right where you are. Though we spurn Him. He will not change. Our evil cannot diminish His love. Where I intended to put a delicacy, she had put dirt. Did I love her with dirt in her mouth? Because I love her. God does the same for us. He holds us over the fountain. Which is true â€” we can. God has a better offer. So what if you were born a bigot? Jesus can change our hearts. He wants us to have a heart like his. Can you imagine a better offer? The Heart of Christ The heart of Jesus was pure. He thanked God for the problem. The disciples shouted for fear in the storm, but not Jesus. He lifted His hand to heal. His heart was at peace. When the soldiers spit in His face, did He breathe fire in theirs? He was at peace. He refused to be guided by vengeance. His heart was purposeful. He could summarize His life with one sentence: How pleasant were His thoughts! But the crowning attribute of Christ was this: Jesus took his instructions from God. His times of prayer guided Him. Jesus was led by an unseen hand: The Heart of Humanity Our hearts seem so far from His. He is pure; we are greedy. He is purposeful; we are distracted. He is spiritual; we are earthbound. Ready for a surprise? Why are you looking at me that way? If you are in Christ, you already have the heart of Christ. One of the supreme yet unrealized promises of God is simply this: He has made your heart His home. Paul explained it with these words: She was quite wealthy but also quite frugal. What would happen if we left the light on? No doubt about it: God has ambitious plans for us. Shall we accept His offer? Are you willing to let God have His way in changing you from the inside out into the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ? Come join the conversation on our blog!