

# A Description of Jesus



The following is said to have been written by Publius Lentulus, a resident of Judea, in the reign of Tiberius Caesar. It was first found in the writings of St. Anselm of Canterbury in the 11th century.



There lives at this time in Judea a man of singular virtue, whose name is Jesus Christ his followers love and adore him as the offspring of the immortal God. He calls back the dead from the graves and heals all sorts of diseases with a word or a touch.

He is a tall man, well shaped and of an amiable and reverend aspect; his hair of a color that can hardly be matched, falling into graceful curls, waving about and very agreeably couched upon his shoulders parted on the crown of his head, running as a stream to the front after the fashion of the Nazarites; his forehead high, large and imposing; his cheeks without spot or wrinkle, beautiful with lovely red, his nose and mouth formed with exquisite symmetry; his beard, and of a color suitable to his hair, reached below his chin and parted in the middle like a fork; his eyes blue, clear and serene, look innocent, dignified, manly and mature. In proportion of body most perfect and captivating; his arms and hands delectable to behold.

He rebukes with majesty, counsels with mildness, his whole address, whether in word or deed, being eloquent and grave. No man has seen him laugh, yet his manners are exceedingly pleasant; but he has wept frequently in the presence of men. He is temperate, modest and wise.

A man for his extraordinary beauty and divine perfection, surpassing the children of men in every sense.