

Morning Rundown: Can Artificial Intelligence Show Us What Jesus Really Looked Like?

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Can Artificial Intelligence Show Us What Jesus Really Looked Like?

Dutch artist Bas Uterwijk brought a new element into the age-old argument of what our Savior, Jesus Christ, really looked like while He was here on earth.

Not surprisingly, it stems from recent technology that much of the world seems to have embraced with open arms—artificial intelligence. By reconstructing Jesus' visage through a synthesis of artistic renditions, Uterwijk's work offers an interesting lens into history, attempting to bridge the gap between the past and the present.

For centuries, artists have sought to capture the essence of Jesus through their own interpretations. And much like different interpretations of the Bible, those artists have contributed to the diversity of depictions we have seen in today's culture.

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Modern-Day Gideons Rise: Christians Challenged to Tear Down Modern Idols

The ancient battle of spiritual forces rages on, and today, as

in the days of Gideon, the name of the Lord is invoked to rally the hearts of His people.

America, a country once consecrated to God, now finds itself entangled with idols, embracing what was once denounced, a reality reminiscent of the times when Baal's altars were venerated in Israel. However, within this storm, the Lord calls His warriors to stand firm, to be the ones who cut down the idols and challenge the very gods that hold sway.

In the book of Judges, Gideon's story unfolds as a beacon of inspiration for modern believers (Judg. 6). The name "Gideon" itself means "the one who cuts down," a poignant symbol for the spiritual warfare Christians must engage in today. Just as Gideon boldly tore down Baal's altar, so too must today's followers of Christ confront the idols and false gods that have seeped into the culture of America.

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Can the Second Commandment Block Us From 'The Chosen'?

For some devout Christians, the path to discerning cultural and societal choices aligns firmly with the teachings of the Bible. The acclaimed series "The Chosen," a portrayal of the life of Jesus Christ, offers a prime example of these thoughtful considerations. Yet, for individuals like Pastor Voddie Baucham, this popular series sits on the opposite side of his personal boundaries.

During a compelling discussion on "The Babylon Bee Podcast" on August 2, Baucham, who serves as the dean of theology at African Christian University in Zambia, illuminated his reasons for abstaining from the series. The conversation arose in the context of his recent appearances with figures like Glenn Beck, whose Christian-aligned platform resonates more closely with Baucham's beliefs compared to mainstream outlets such as CNN.

Baucham shared his gratitude for the openness he experiences when appearing on Beck's show. "There are no restraints put on me," he remarked. This platform allows him to freely communicate the Gospel and express his faith without reservation.

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