

—STUDENT CHALLENGE/HOMEWORK—

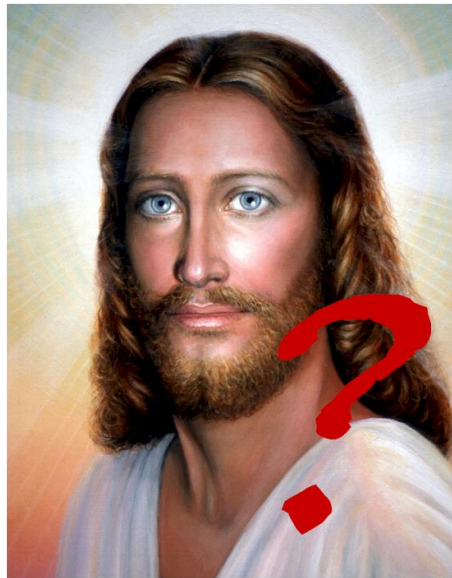
OF ALL THE THINGS THE CHRIST SAID OR DID WHILE ON EARTH AS JESUS OF NAZARETH,
WHAT IS THE BEST EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS INDEED THE CHRIST, MESSIAH, SON OF GOD?

STUDENT RESPONSES...

1. Healed the blind as Scripture foretold.
2. Mary said so—He was born from a virgin.
3. 5,000 were fed—something from “nothing.”
4. The Father said this is My Son.
5. Raised the dead—Lazarus.
6. He is risen.
7. Taught with authority.
8. Controlled nature; with words from the Psalms.
9. Controlled demons.
10. He has impacted my own life, personally, experientially [Porter’s comment]

Note: this last comment/response by Dr. Porter created a canyon of disagreement. People were quite nervous about using “personal” experience as evidence that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the Christ, Son of God, Messiah.

An example of the *Cecil de Mille Effect*?



HERE'S WHAT THE ARTIST SAID ABOUT HER WORK

Just before Easter 1986, Jesus appeared to the artist Nanette Crist. He said He would like to have His portrait painted so that everyone who loved and needed Him would feel and know His presence. Normally the artist would require three weeks to complete an oil portrait but it was done in an amazing three days on Easter! A cross of light blazed across the sky on that day. Finally Jesus spoke about His life and ongoing mission.

Many healing miracles accompanied the prints of the painting. The Catholic visionaries at Betania, Colorado and Medjugorje, Vatican eyewitness accounts written during His lifetime, Dr. George Ritchie

and countless others have testified that this is a true likeness of Jesus Christ.

In the tradition of the Sacred Arts this painting was created from a deep inner vision and incorporates color therapy, sacred geometry, and universal rhythm. This picture may be used as a prayer and meditation aid to develop virtues and enhance healing.

Virtues: all virtues, total healing, redemption, unconditional love, self sacrifice, spiritual mastery ("Greater things than 1 have done shall you do.")

This incredibly lifelike portrait was inspired by an Easter time apparition and has been verified by the world's top visionaries as a "true likeness". Many people have reported healings after gazing at this beautiful painting.

Meditative Virtues:
Unconditional love and self-sacrifice.

Notes from Wikipedia: Ritchie wrote of his [near-death experience](#) (NDE) in *Return from Tomorrow*, co-written with [Elizabeth Sherrill](#) (1928-), and published in 1978. In the book he tells of his [out-of-body experience](#),^[6] his meeting with [Jesus Christ](#),^[7] and his travel with Christ through different dimensions of time and space.^[8] *Return from Tomorrow* has been translated into nine languages.^[9] Later he published another book, *Ordered to Return: My Life After Dying*, to elaborate on his heavenly experience.

Ritchie's story was the first contact [Raymond Moody](#) had with NDEs, during his post-graduate studies and residency in [Psychiatry](#) at the [University of Virginia](#). This led Moody to investigate over 150 cases of NDEs in his book [Life After Life](#)^[10] and two other books that followed.