

## **The Shroud of Turin**

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The Shroud of Turin is a one piece burial cloth with the imprint of a crucified man on it. Carbon dating of the cloth is disputed. Some date it close to the time of Christ, while others date it over one thousand years later. The place of its discovery is also debated. It seems more likely that it was found in Turkey, and not Jerusalem. The Bible clearly indicates that the image on the Shroud of Turin is not that of Jesus. It is inconsistent on seven points. First, with the initial stage of burial (Matthew 27:59). Second, with regard to Jewish burial custom (John 19:38-41). Third, Jesus had burial “cloths” (plural), not one piece (John 20:5-7). Fourth, the nature of the head wounds do not match the Bible record (Matthew 27:29-30). Fifth, the side wounds are also inconsistent with Scripture (John 19:34, 20:27). Sixth, the Bible says that Jesus’ beard was plucked out and not mostly intact (Isaiah 50:6). Seventh, the Bible teaches that Jesus’ visage was marred to the point of being unrecognizable, which is not the case with the Shroud of Turin (Isaiah 52:14). The lesson we should all take from this is that our faith in God should not be dependent in any way on artifacts (John 20:29; Hebrews 11:1).