

Publius Lentius writes to the Senate of Rome.

There has recently been a man who is very eminent. His name is Yeshua, who still lives among us and is seen by the people as a prophet of truth, while his disciples call him the son of God. He raises the dead and heals all kinds of diseases. He is a man of quite tall stature, attractive, arousing love and reverence at the same time, so that whoever looks at him feels love and fear at the same time. His hair is the color of unripe hazelnut hangs close to his ears, then falls in locks over his shoulders in the manner of the Orientals. He wears his hair in the Nazarite fashion, parted in the middle. His forehead is smooth and very finely built. His face without spot or wrinkle and beautiful in a lovely red. His nose and mouth are nicely shaped. His beard is dense, the same color as the hair on his head, not very long, but in waves. His appearance is innocent and ripe, his eyes gray, clear and lively. In condemning hypocrisy he is terrible, in admonitions courteous, with many good words. Friendly and cheerful in conversation, but also full of dignified seriousness. No one can remember ever seeing him laugh, but many saw him cry. His body is very balanced. His hands and arms are beautiful to look at. When speaking, he is calm, modest and wise. He is a man whose unusual beauty surpasses all other people.

(Comment) This description is in contrast to Isa. 53 He had no shape or beauty, was not to be seen, etc., but this will be more true on the day of the crucifixion. The descriptions of Massalian and Lentullus are similar. People who have had an appearance of Yeshua (and there are more than we think) also speak of his blue eyes looking at them. Publius Lentius.

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At the same time there was also a Yeshua, a wise man, if otherwise he may be called a man: for he did many miracles, and was a teacher of those who take the truth. He had many followers of both Jews and Heydenen. This was the Christ, whom the rulers of our people accused, and of Pilate condemned to death, yet of his, as before, was loved and followed. He again appeared vividly on the third day, just as the prophets, inspired by Goddelick, among other wondrous things, had foretold of him: as also to this day the race of the Christians, so called from him, nor lasts, and essentially is.