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One of the marvels of today's technology is the 3D printer. It was invented to make cheap auto parts prototypes. It's now used to make skin for burn patients and \$10 airway splints for infants. You might soon have a 3D printer in your home; Mattel recently unveiled a 3D printer for children called the *ThingMaker*; you may soon be stepping on 3D printed Legos. Recently though, 3D printing made a significant contribution to our understanding of Christ crucified.



Using ultra-accurate measurements and photographs of the images of the Shroud of Turin, a three-dimensional representation the actual size of the Man in the Shroud was created.

The images of Christ from talented artists such as Salvador Dali [Christ of St. John of the Cross], Leonardo da Vinci [The Last Supper], and Raphael [Transfiguration of Christ] must be reconsidered because of what we've learned from the 3D model. Their paintings were, and still are, inspirational and worthy of contemplation but their depictions of Christ are probably less accurate than that provided by the Shroud.

Rembrandt, in 1648, was the source of the last, best representation of the physical Jesus. His model was a young Sephardic Jew and scholars agree that the physical characteristics of Jesus in his paintings -- such as skin color, beard, and hair styles -- were the most accurate of all the great painters. It's not been until the 3D replica, 370 years later, that any significant advancement in our understanding of the physical characteristics of Jesus has occurred.

Assuming that the Shroud really was the burial cloth of Jesus of Nazareth, The 3D replica reveals he was very tall for his time – 5'11". He had long limbs and was very robust. The shroud reveals only his front and back and reveals 370 wounds (from the scourging mentioned in the Gospels). Using an estimate of what was on his sides suggests that Christ had at least 600 wounds. We now have a new image to reflect on, one that better reveals the depth of Christ's love. To learn more about the 3D Jesus, visit "<https://youtu.be/kDD30AfjFok>".

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