

# **Series: SUBJECTS THAT SIZZLE**

## **“IS JESUS WHITE?”**

### **WHY IT’S CHALLENGING TO COVERT BLACKS TO CHRISTIANITY....**

Many blacks think that Christianity is the white man’s religion

•because of slave masters teaching Christianity •because of the picture of “white Jesus.”

### **BLACKS WERE A PART OF THE NT EARLY CHURCH BEFORE SLAVERY IN AMERICA & BEFORE THE PICTURE OF WHITE JESUS.**

- Ethiopian Eunuch (see Acts 8)
- Men Of Cyrene (see Acts 11:20)
- Barnabas called Black Man (see Acts 13:1)
- Lucius from Cyrene (see Acts 13:1)

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**Revelation 1:14-15 KJV**

"His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters."

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**(D.)Jesus' Appearance Concerning His Supremacy**

**Colossians 1:15 KJV**

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:"

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