

# The Crises

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## THE COLOR OF THE LORD.

SEVERAL persons have written us objecting to the intimation in our advertising columns that Jesus Christ was not a white man. We confess to a certain lack of interest in the subject, but are forced in self-defense to publish this note from the Cambridge Encyclopedia Company concerning their coin collection:

“Among other rare pieces our collection contains a gold solidus of Justinian II. (circ. A. D. 705), which was purchased from Lincoln & Co., the well-known numismatists of Oxford Street, London, after having been verified as genuine by the coin department of the British Museum.

“The obverse is stamped with the full-faced bust of Justinian, with robe carrée and cross; legend: Justinianus, Serv. Christi (Justinian, Servant of Christ). Reverse, full-faced bust of Jesus Christ with *woolly hair*. Behind him, the cross. Legend: D. N. IES CHS. REX REGNANTIUM (Dominus Noster, Jesu Christo, King of Kings).

“Whatever the *fact*, this coin places beyond dispute the *belief* that Jesus Christ was a Negro. The coin is otherwise of great historical interest; for it was the cause of a war between Justinian and Abdul Malik, 5th caliph of the Ommiads, the former demanding tribute to be paid in these same coins and the latter refusing.”

