

# The Crises

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## THE COLOR OF THE LORD.

**S**EVERAL persons have written us object-  
ing 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 his-  
torical interest; for it was the cause of a war  
between Justinian and Abdul Malik, 5th  
caliph of the Ommiads, the former demand-  
ing tribute to be paid in these same coins and  
the latter refusing.”

