

Week Two: The Multifaceted Beauty of Yeshua

Introduction and Review:

“Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.” Psalm 96:9 (NKJV)

- My journey of discovery.
 - Feeling of inadequacy to describe all that he is.
 - My book: a love story, a story of brokenness and redemption.
 - The role of Revive.
- Isaiah 53:2 *“He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.”*
- Outward beauty is only skin deep. We must behold with our heart.
- Psalm 27:4 *“**One thing I ask ... this only do I seek:** that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.”*
- **Why does it matter?**
 - Beauty demands a response. Seeing the beauty of Yeshua puts us in awe of him ... Creates a deep yearning in our hearts. We fall more deeply in love with him.
 - Our hearts are undone. The stony places turn to flesh. We are drawn to worship.
 - It brings wholeness. As we behold his beauty, he exchanges beauty for our ashes.
 - Moses beheld his beauty and his face reflected the glory of God.
 - All other beauty pales by comparison. The world loses its luster. We lose our desire to sin because our greatest desire is to please him.
 - The cares of the world seem to fall away.
 - We become more like him. We are re-created.
- **Using your holy, sanctified imagination** to behold and meditate on his beauty. Allow Spirit to transport you to the feet of Jesus, that place from which Mary beheld him.
- **Last week:** The beauty of his suffering and scars.
 - His scars are ugly but the most beautiful thing at the same time. An eternal reminder of the greatest act of love ever undertaken.
 - We searched his eyes, looking into the depths of his soul.
- **This week:** Mining the depths of his **Multifaceted Being, his character.**
- **My challenge:** Few scriptural references in my notes. Digging deep into the Word.

The Beautiful Character of Yeshua:

- Jesus steps out of the glory of heaven into the womb of a poor young teenage girl in Galilee.

“Yet God sent his Son in human form to identify with human weakness. Clothed with humanity, God’s Son gave his body to be the sin offering so that God could once and for all condemn the guilt and power of sin.” Romans 8:3 (TPT).
- **Face-to-face:** I invite you to meet the Jesus who ...
 - Placed his hand of healing upon a leper.
 - Revealed himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.
 - Who touched the blind beggar and made him whole.
 - The God-man who returned to Jerusalem fully knowing what was to come.
- **Adjectives that describe his beauty?** Can these words truly describe?
 - Glorious, majestic, radiant, wonderful, splendor, mighty (in power), beautiful.
- **The Trinity:** Three different parts of a single God. Each with a unique role in our lives.
 - **Father:** Wise and loving. A Father to the Fatherless.
 - **Son:** clothed in humanity to make God relatable.
 - **Holy Spirit:** To dwell within as our power, our teacher, our guide, our comforter.
- **A Prism:** The Word show us Yeshua in hundreds of ways. Some directly, some indirectly ...
 - **Names and titles:** Ascribed to him in his Word. Examples: Son of Man, King of the Ages.
 - **Metaphors:** What is a metaphor? To broaden our understanding. Examples: Bread of Life, a potter.
 - **Descriptions of his character:** Individual words or short phrases. Examples: Forgiving. Faithful.
- **Assignment:**
 - Come up with the names, metaphors, and character descriptions.
 - Some will overlap.
 - You must tell us how this says to you about his beauty.

Who is Jesus to us? (as told in his Word). What does each tell us about his beauty?

- The Son of man**
- Savior:** Jesus means “The Lord is Salvation” (Yeshua in Hebrew and Aramaic).
- Redeemer:** (Redeem in Webster’s: To buy back, repurchase, to get or win back. To free from what distresses or harms, such as: to free from captivity by payment of ransom, to release from blame or debt. To free from the consequences of sin. To atone for.
- Lamb of God** (perfect, spotless). Our sacrifice
- Our **Shepherd**. The good shepherd.
- King of the Ages**.
- Lord. Lord of Hosts** (of angel armies)
- Master** (we are bondservants, serving out of choice)
- I AM. Alpha & Omega.** (**Jehovah:** eternal one, unchangeable, Who was, is, and is to come).
- Almighty God (El Shaddai)**
- The Word**
- The Way, the Truth, the Life**
- Creator** (artist). And **sustainer** of all things. Not only earth but heaven and the New Heavens, New Earth and New Jerusalem to come. Also **Our Re-creator**.
- Prince of Peace**
- Lion of the Tribe of Judah**
- Healer**
- Rabbi, teacher**
- High Priest** (after the order of Melchizedek)
- Brother**
- Friend**
- Bridegroom**
- Judge**

Comparative Metaphors: To broaden our understanding.

➤ **Hint: some of these things are needed to sustain life.**

- Bread of Life** (our sustenance)
- Fountain of Life. A Spring of Living Water** (we only thirst for more of him)
- Breath of Life:** *“God breathed into his nostrils the Breath of Life”* Genesis 2:7 (NIV)
- REST:** (physical and emotional) ... Our shelter from the storm, our shade from the heat, our hiding place, wings that cover over us, our peace.
 - **Shalom:** Hebrew ... to make whole, restore, well being, good health.
 - *“He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul.”* Psalm 23.
- Light:** The Light of the World. The Light of Life.
 - *“A fountain of Life was in him, for his life is light for all humanity. And this light never fails to shine through darkness—light that cannot be overcome.”* John 1:4 (TPT)

➤ **Describing the Light ...** photoreceptors, etc.

Additional metaphors:

- Bright Morning Star**
- The Potter**
- A Refining Fire**
- A gardener**
- The vine.** To which we are grafted in.
- Our defender**
- Our strength**
- Our sword**
- Our rock**
- Sun and a shield**
- Fortress**
- The Door**

How Do We Describe? ... The Beautiful Character of Yeshua. What he is like.

- Love, Lovingkindness:** Agape love; patient, kind, compassionate, always seeing the best in us. Sees beyond who we are to who we are becoming.
- Forgiving:** And greatly desiring us to be the same.
- Merciful:** Sent to set the captives free!
- Full of Grace.**
- Compassionate.** Our comforter.
- A respecter of all persons:** A lover of the poor, of the helpless, of widows and orphans. Willing to reach out and touch the leper, or come near the woman called unclean.
- Faithful:** We are engraved upon his hands. He never breaks his word to us.
- Trustworthy:** He will never forsake us, never go back on his word, never break a promise.
- Our Advocate.**
- Giving:** Deeply desiring to impart hope, faith, trust, healing, shalom, abundant, eternal life
- Nurturing:**
- A searcher:** For the lost sheep.
- Restorer (Re-creator):** Of all things broken including our hearts, creating beauty from ashes
- Full of joy:**
- Righteous:** The only one who never sinned (although he was fully tempted as we are).
- Humble:** A servant.
- Perfect in wisdom and all knowledge:**
- Omnipotent:** knowing all
- Full of courage:**
- Limitless in Power:**
- Perfect in Beauty!** Perfectly reflecting the beauty of the Father.
- Good:** The word that sums it all up.

- **Other ways he shows us his beauty:**

- In the plans he makes for us.
- In the stories and parables.
- That he deeply desires to see us walk in peace (shalom), joy, and wholeness.
- That he is such a personal God to each one of us.

SUMMARY:

Next Week: The Beauty of Jesus as reflected by all he has created and re-created ... the beauty he is creating in you and me.

Final Thought: John 21:25 (AMP)

"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were recorded ^{to}one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."