

Merry Christmas MBC Family!

As another year is about to close before us, we have a special opportunity to bless a couple who has been very special* to MBC for many years. Dave and Cindy Cox, our Word of Life, Int. missionaries in Brazil, are transitioning their work from Atibaia (Sao Paulo region) to the US heartland, Seymour, Indiana. After 34 years in the field, they have come home. But they have come without a car. That's where our opportunity for blessing lies.

As their main supporting church since 1990, we are asking our Heavenly Father to help MBC provide Dave and Cindy with a new 2024 Toyota Rav 4. This is not a random vehicle; it is a make and model selected specifically with the Cox's needs in mind. A trusted and generous friend of MBC and the Coxes has reserved this vehicle for the purchase price of \$45,000, including TT&L.

A special offering for this purpose will be taken on Sunday, December 29, 2024. We invite you to pray about participating in this blessing. If you would like to contribute ahead of time, you may do so at www.midlothianbible.com OR by cash (w/note attached for Cox vehicle) OR by check to Midlothian Bible Church. Please do NOT send your contribution directly to the Cox's Word of Life account. However, if total giving exceeds the \$45K price tag, ALL remaining funds will go to their WOL ministry account.

Although this is not a secret being kept from Dave and Cindy, we would still like to "surprise" them on New Year's Day, 2025, with word that their new vehicle will soon be delivered, free and clear.



*If you are relatively new to MBC, this is why Dave and Cindy are special to us: They first came to worship at MBC in 1984 while Dave was in school at Dallas Theological Seminary. They immediately volunteered to work in our burgeoning Awana youth program. Later, they served on the pastoral staff from 1986 to 1990, working primarily with Jr. High, Missions, Music and soccer camps. Dave was ordained a pastor by MBC in 1987.

In 1990, MBC became the Cox's "sending" church to Word of Life, Brazil. For 34 years they have served in the seminary there; teaching, training and discipling young men and women for the ministry. Their work in Brazil also gave them the opportunity to take the Gospel of Christ to other countries around the world upon occasion.

In 2023, Word of Life asked Dave and Cindy to consider a new ministry, that of missionary care for WoL staff in the US and around the world. This new responsibility would allow them to move their base of operations back to the States, where they could be closer to their children, grandchildren and Cindy's parents. They "came home" this past September.

And so the ministry continues...

With warm wishes and a Merry Christmas,
Kim Lewis





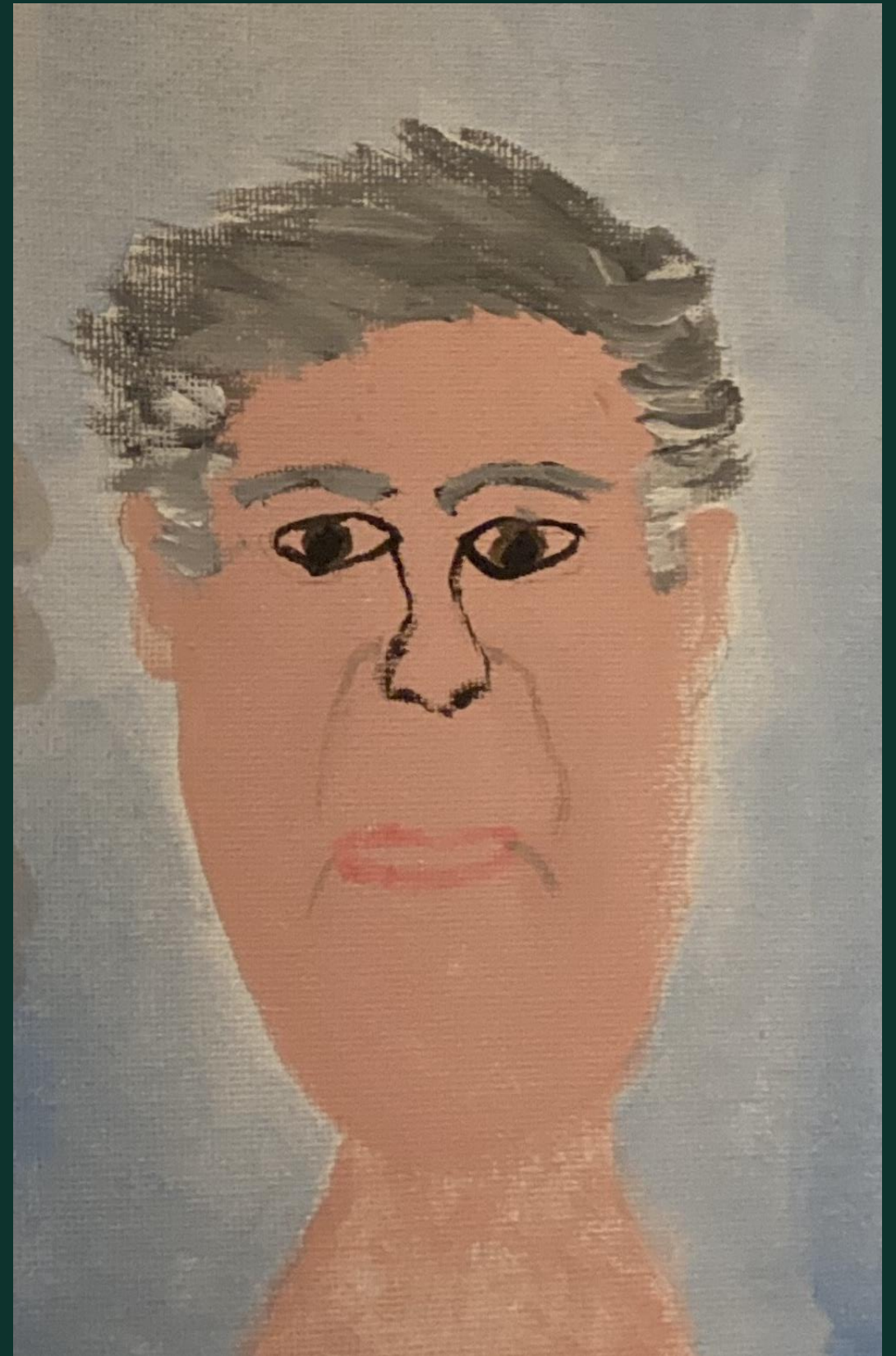
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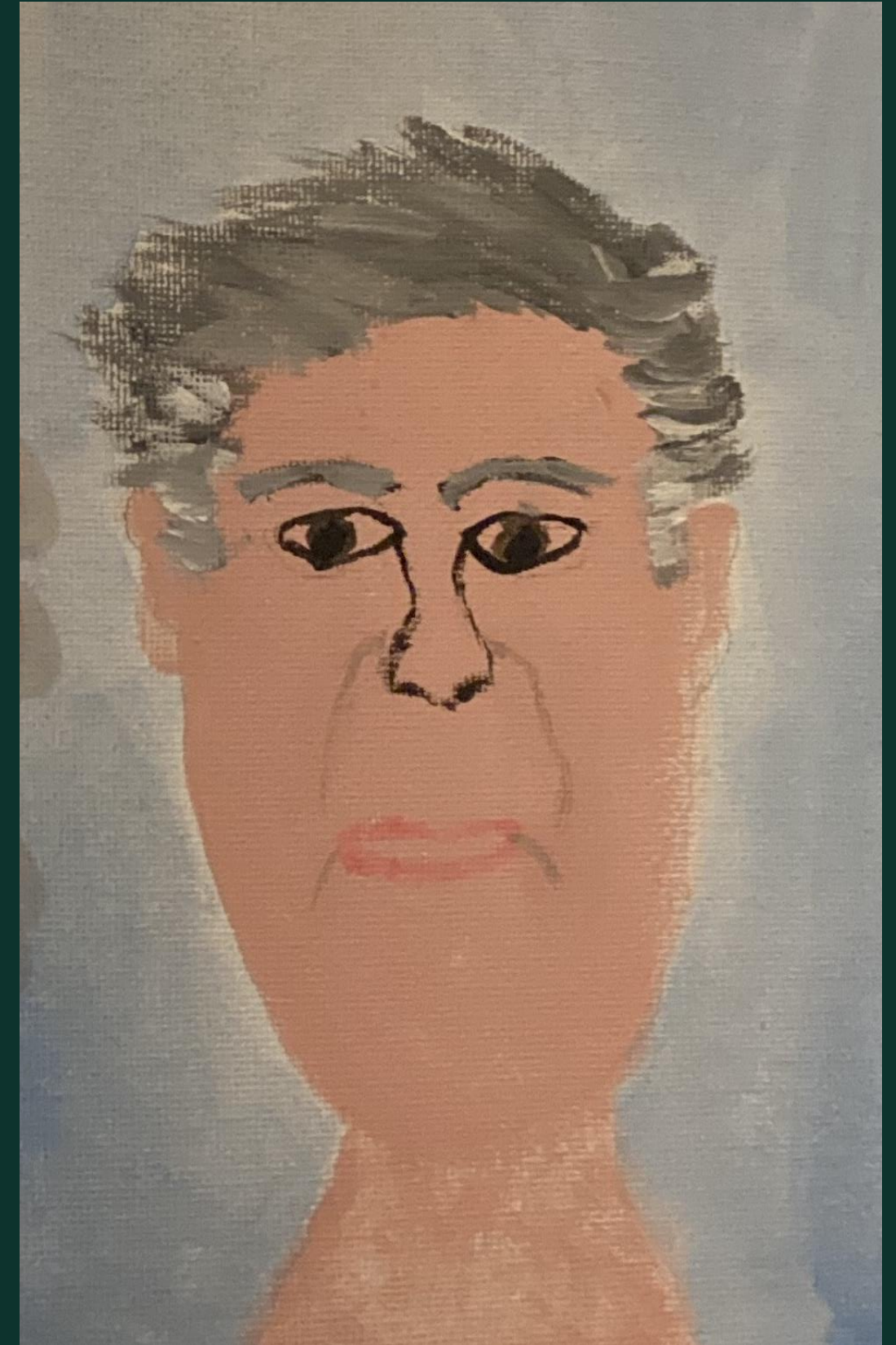
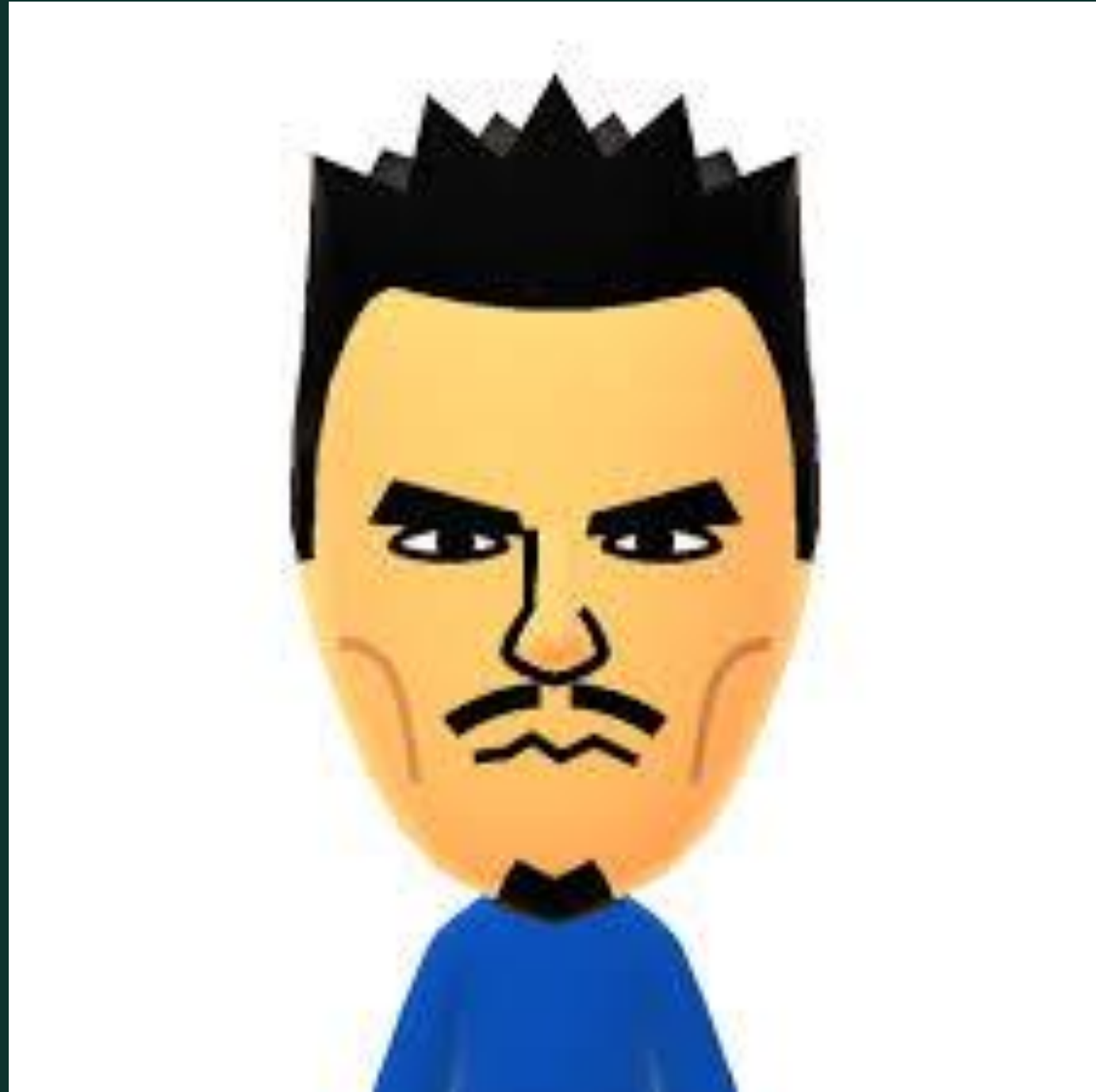


The Child Who is the Christ &
Identifies with Us
Matthew 1:1-17

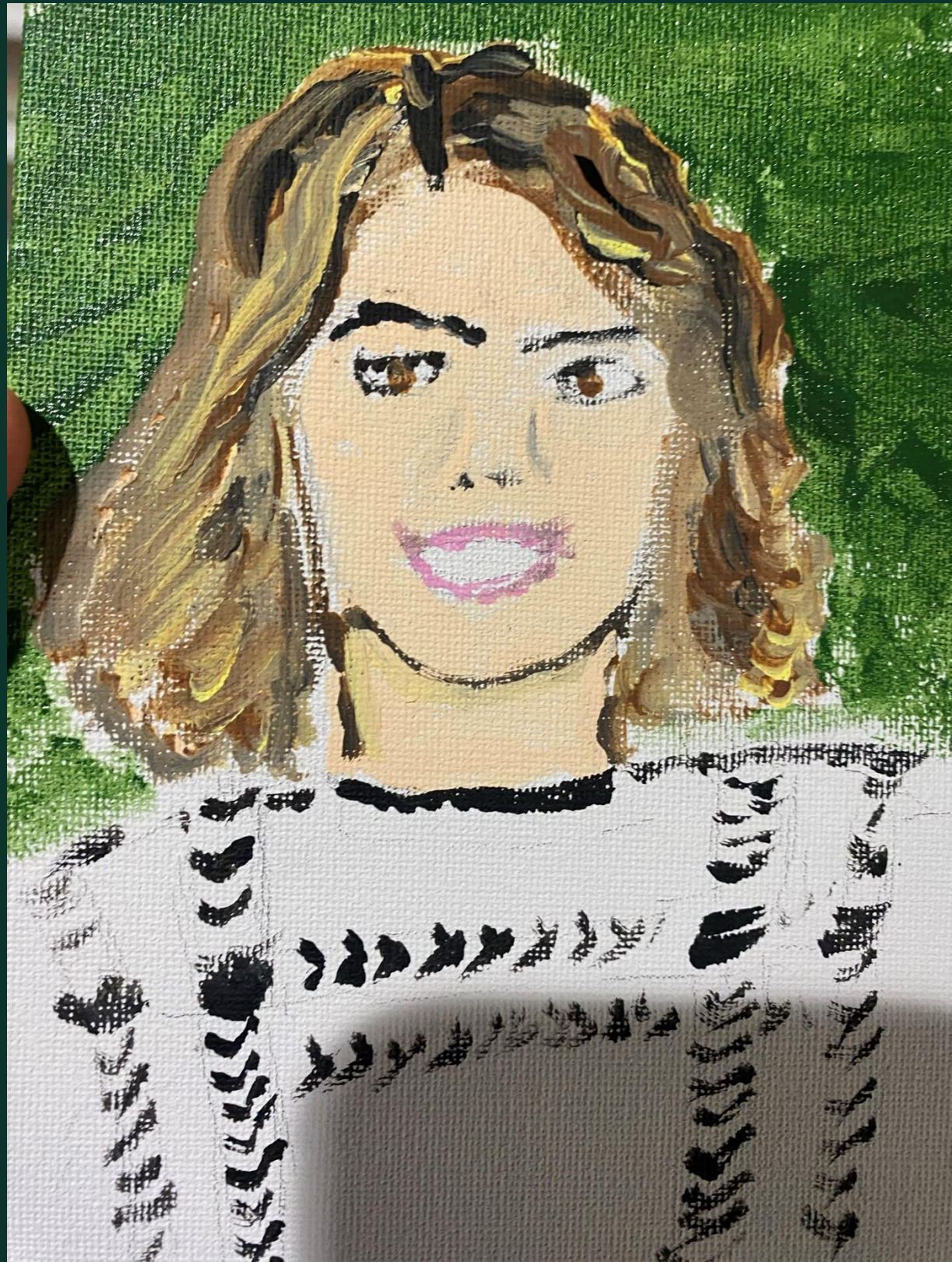


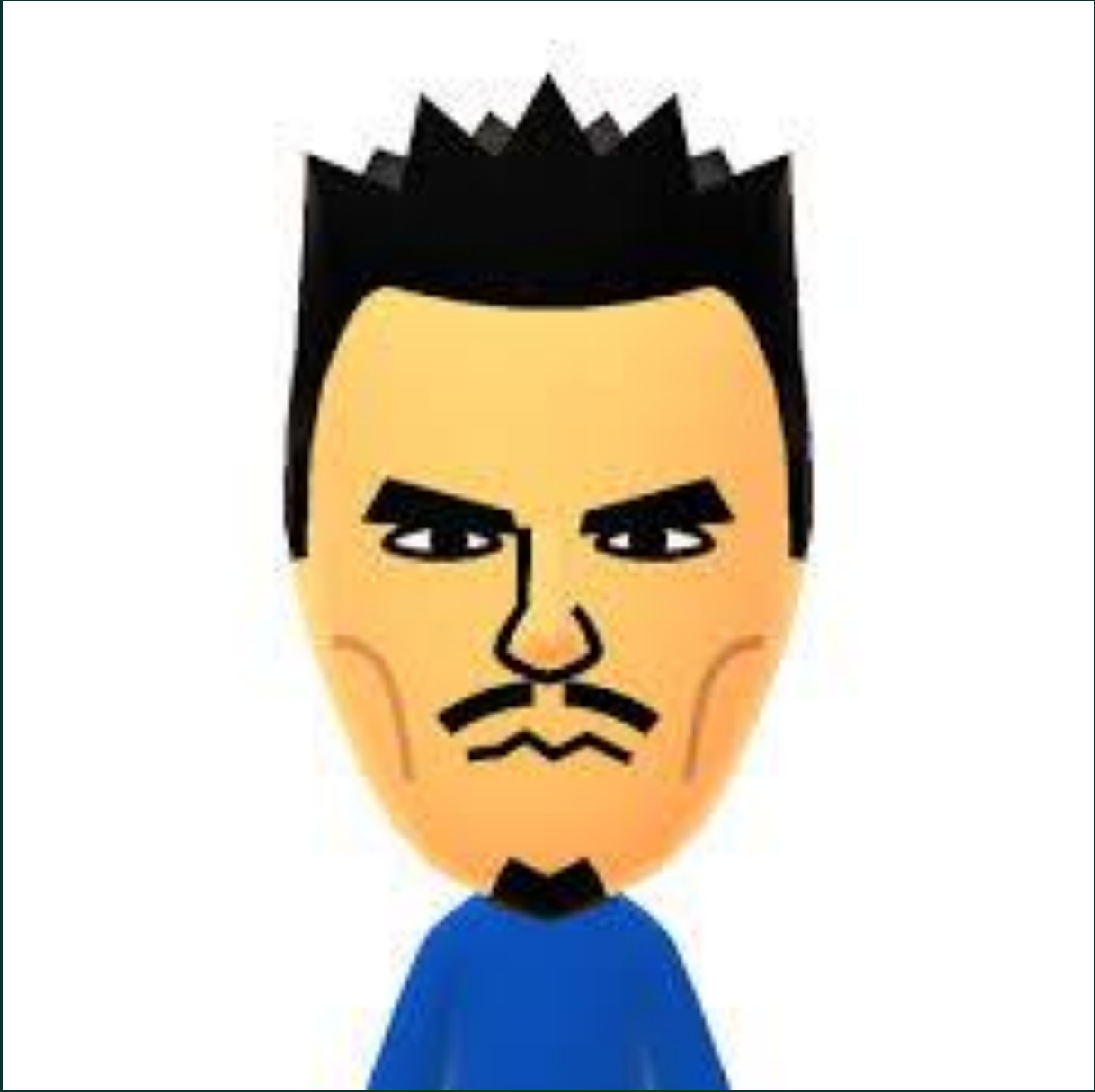














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Matthew 1:1-17



Valued by Jewish Culture

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matthew 1:1

Structure

- Heading. V. 1
- Abraham to David. vv. 2–6a
- David to the exile. vv. 6b–11
- Exile to Jesus the Christ. vv. 12–16
- Summary. V. 17

Different than Luke

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Matthew 1:17

Purposeful not Comprehensive

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Trust God

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

Trust God

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a **great nation**, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you **all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**” Genesis 12:1-3

4“Behold, my covenant is with you... ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and **kings** shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Genesis 17:4, 6-7

Trust God

¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your **offspring** after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his **kingdom**. ¹³ ... and I will establish the **throne** of his **kingdom** forever.

2 Samuel 7:12 & 13b

...¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶ And your **house** and your **kingdom** shall be made sure forever before me. Your **throne** shall be established forever.’ ”

2 Samuel 7:15 - 16

Grasp the Identity of Jesus

The book of the genealogy of Jesus **Christ**, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matthew 1:1

Hebrew – Mashiach, Messiah

Greek- Christos, Christ

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²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name
Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

Give thanks Jesus identifies with us

³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, ... ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the **wife of Uriah**... ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of **Mary**, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

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³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, [possible Canaanite]... ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, [Canaanite] and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, [Moabitess] and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the **wife of Uriah** [possible Hittite]...

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Galatians 3:27–29

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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²**Abraham** was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers..

⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king. And **David** was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah...

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⁴⁶And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...

Luke 1:46–47

Give thanks Jesus identifies with us

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21