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A piece of art has become the center of controversy down in the town of Davidson, outside of Charlotte. It is a sculpture of someone lying on a bench, covered with a blanket.

The only part of the body you see is the feet, which are wounded. It's called "Homeless Jesus," and is installed outside a church.

Some people have called it creepy. A letter in the local newspaper complained about people driving into the upscale neighborhood and "seeing an ugly homeless person sleeping on a park bench." Another person said this was no way to remember Jesus.

The thing is, that is perhaps what Jesus wanted us to remember – that when we care for others, we are caring for him. Maybe that's why the sculptor left space on the bench for someone to sit beside Homeless Jesus.

Just a thought. I'm Sid Batts from First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro, fpcgreensboro.org.