

Jesus is the Son of God

1Corinthians 15:20-28

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Jesus – the Son of God

Jesus - No one like him since beginning of time!

Two Extremes -

Jesus is Son of Joseph - or Jesus is God the Son

Deepest humility & reverence

Holy ground

Great respect

All we know about Jesus comes from the Bible

The Relationship between God and Jesus

The Bible clearly teaches that:

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. (Matt 1:1)

I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. (2 Sam 7:14)

Jesus Christ is the Son of Man

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son (John 3:16)

Jesus is the Son of God

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you (Psalm 2:7)

Also: John 17:3; Psalms 2:7; John 5:19; John 7:16; John 14:28; Mark 10:18; Mark 13:32

Jesus is the Son of God, not God.

The message to Mary

- you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called **the Son of the Most High.**
- Luke 1:31-32 (ESV)

Jesus' baptism

- a voice from heaven said, “**This is my beloved Son,** with whom I am well pleased.”
- Matt 3:17 (ESV)

Jesus - the Son of God

He is the very image of his father

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature (Heb 1:3)

Fathers always exist before their children

God has always existed

But Jesus has not always existed

He ... was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you (1Peter 1:20)

Jesus did not exist until he was born

He was born as Son of God -

John 3:16; Acts 2:36; Romans 1:7; 1Peter 1:3;
Ephesians 1:3; Revelation 1:1; 3:5;
1Corinthians 15:24,28

Jesus - the Son of God

Jesus called God his Father

I am going to the **Father**, for the Father is greater than I.

(John 14:28)

But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the **Father**. (Mark 13:32)

I have not yet ascended to the **Father**; (John 20:17)

Jesus - the Son of God

The Apostles Paul and John understood the relationship between God and Jesus

the head of Christ is God
(1Cor 11:3)

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
(1Tim 2:5)

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God (1John 4:15)

What is Jesus called in the Gospels?

Jesus, Christ, Lord,
Master, Teacher

Son of man - 81 times

Son of God - 27 times

Son of David - 17 times

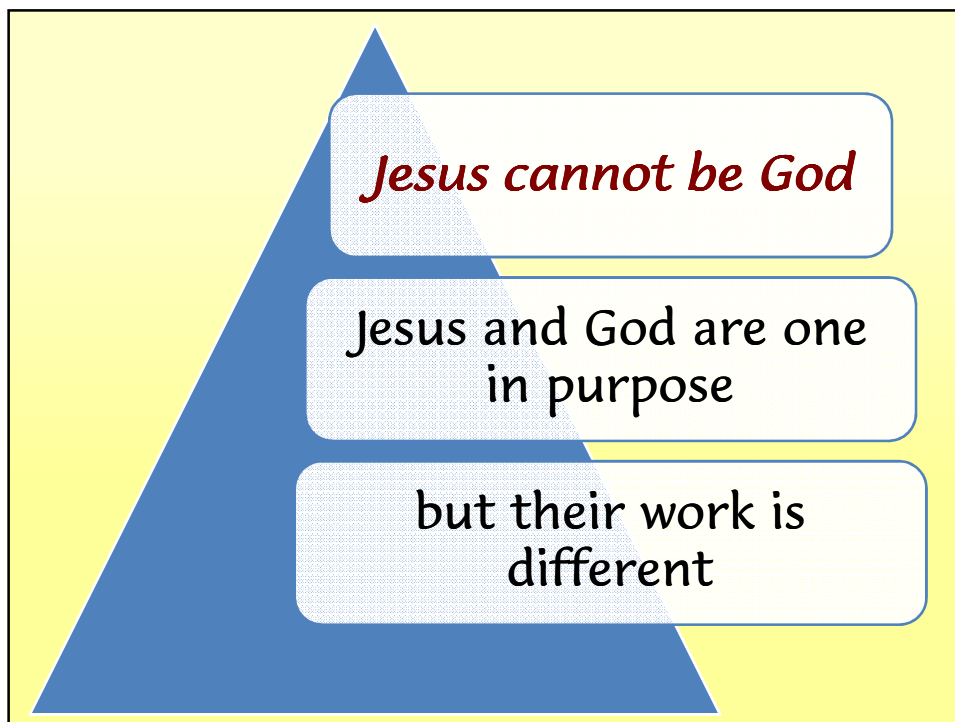
Beloved Son - 8 times

Son of man - because he was born of a human mother

Son of God - because God was his Father

Son of David - because he is descended from King David

Beloved Son - because he was obedient to his father, God.



Adam and Jesus

Adam had a choice, and he disobeyed God

So - every member of the human race is mortal

To bring salvation, a sinless man had to restore
man to God

Jesus Christ is that man -

"For as by a man came death, by a man has come
also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam
all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust;
the second man is from heaven."

From 1 Cor 15:20-23, 42-49

Jesus – the sinless man

- ❖ God could not do that work himself
- ❖ God is immortal and sinless and cannot be tempted - [James 1:13](#)
- ❖ *Jesus could be tempted*
- ❖ He was mortal and might have sinned, but did not sin -

“For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Heb 2:18; 4:15)

Jesus – the World’s Saviour

God gave his son to save the World

God cannot sin or die, so He brought salvation through Jesus Christ, who died for us

If Jesus could not have sinned, his victory over sin would have no meaning

So - Jesus cannot be part of a "Trinity"

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might **be saved through him**. (John 3:17)

For while we were still weak, at the right time **Christ died for the ungodly** (Romans 5:6)

What is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the power of God.

Spirit - "pneuma"
movement of

Holy - pure, clear

❖ The Holy Spirit is a person

❖ God created him

❖ God used his power to create Jesus, into being.

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

(Luke 1:35)

What about the future?

Jesus is now immortal.

But his role is still different to that of God.

God will send Jesus soon back to Earth to establish his Kingdom

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne." (Matt 25:31)

Jesus will be King, and will still be subject to God

"...the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him," (1Cor 15:28)

You too can be in God's Kingdom

Believe God's Word - keep His commandments

Treasure God's wonderful gift of "His only begotten Son"

Value the work of Jesus, the son of God, who died for us

Problems with the Trinity

The word **Trinity** does not appear at all in the Bible

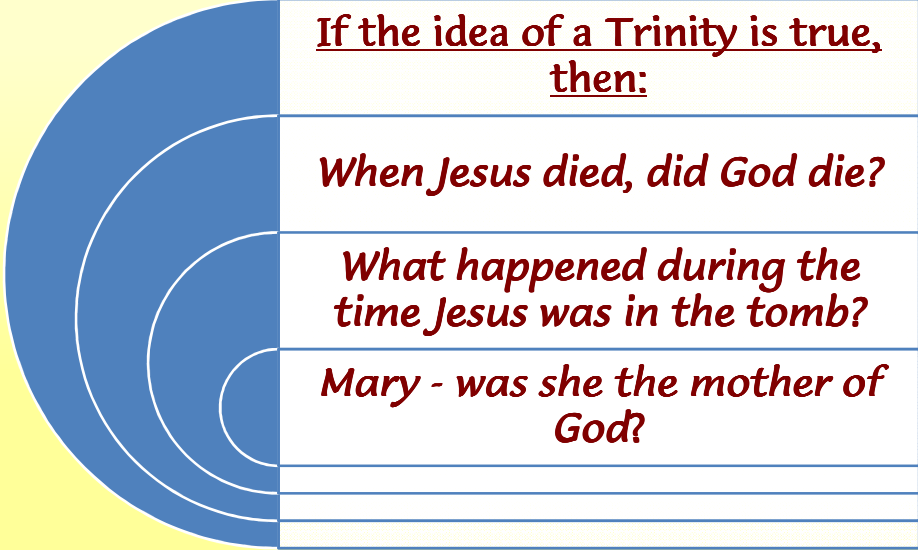
"God the Son," or "God the Holy Spirit" never appear together in the Bible

The Encyclopaedia Britannica

"Neither the word **Trinity** nor the explicit doctrine appears in the New Testament"

The Catholic Encyclopaedia

"In Scripture there is as yet no single term by which the Three Divine Persons are denoted together ... "



<u>If the idea of a Trinity is true, then:</u>
<i>When Jesus died, did God die?</i>
<i>What happened during the time Jesus was in the tomb?</i>
<i>Mary - was she the mother of God?</i>

Historical Facts about the development of the Trinity doctrine

325AD First General Council at Nicea -
Constantine responsible for the decree that:

"the Son was from the beginning of the same nature as the Father"

381AD Second General Council at Constantinople decreed that:

"Holy Spirit is to be worshipped with the Father and Son"

431AD Third General Council at Ephesus decreed:

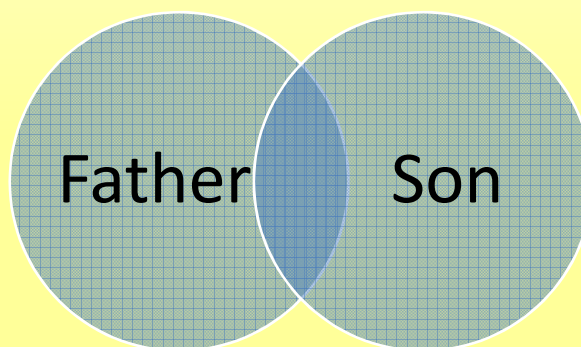
Jesus had two natures (human and divine).
Mary was the "mother of God"

The Apostles Creed (1st century)

1. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
2. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
3. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
4. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
5. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
6. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
7. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
8. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
9. the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
10. the forgiveness of sins,
11. the resurrection of the body,
12. and the life everlasting.

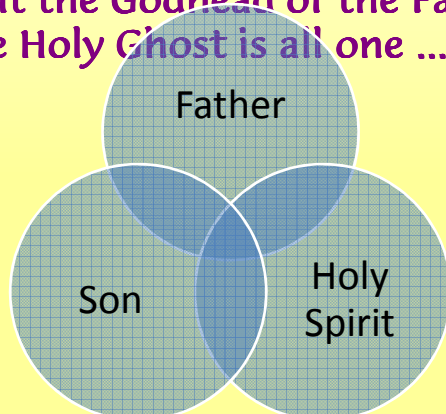
The Nicene Creed (325AD)

“Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds God of God, Very God of Very God, being of one substance with the Father ...”



The Athanasian Creed (c.500AD)

“We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, son and of the Holy Ghost is all one ...”



The Trinity

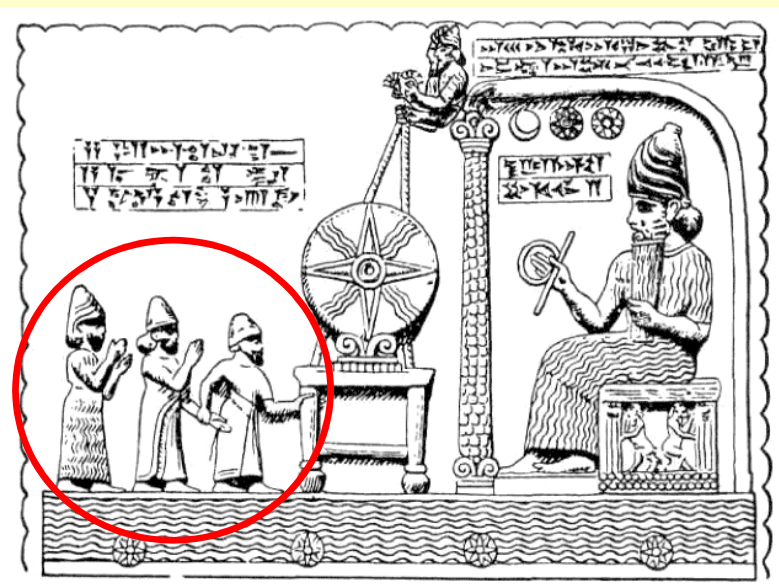
- development of ideas from other cultures

- and from ideas by Plato

Egypt (2000BC)
Triad of Horus, Isis, Osiris

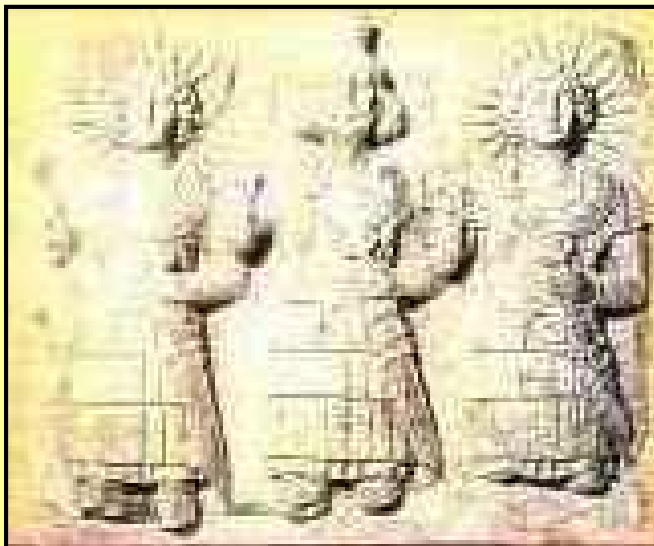


Babylon (1000BC)
Triad of Ishtar, Sin, Shamash



Palmyra (AD20)

Triad of Moon God, Sun God, Lord of Heavens



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But what about ...

“The word became flesh” (John 1:14)

Jesus is the “incarnate Word”, not the “incarnate Son”

God's Word is the Mind or Purpose of God.

The Word of God has the quality of God Himself

God's purpose will always be done

God had seen Creation before it was made.

He knew, He willed, it was

Everything about Jesus was already planned in the mind of God before Jesus was born.

Even the words he would speak

Mary - “be it unto me according to thy word.”

Hebrews 1:1,2 - “God has spoken to us by His son.”

But what about ...

Jesus - sent from God

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me
(John 6:38)

The Manna - bread from heaven

Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat' (John 6:31)

John the Baptist - sent from God

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. (John 1:6)

But what about ...

Jesus showed the attributes of God Himself

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.
(John 14:9)

Jesus - one with God

"I and the Father are one." (John 10:30)

Jesus and the believers - also one

that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us (John 17:21-22)

The definition of equality with God

he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God (John 5:18)



Jesus is **NOT MERE MAN**, but truly and uniquely the **SON of GOD**

We honour and praise the Son of God. He was truly born, truly tempted, truly died, truly rose, and truly exalted to right hand of the Father

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