

# The Person of Jesus Christ

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# I. The Christological Heresies

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# A. The Ebionites (@ 70 - 300 AD)

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- Jews seeking to Judaize Christianity
- Jesus
  - the physical son of Mary and Joseph
  - fulfilled the Mosaic law
  - God chose him to be the Messiah.
  - became conscious of this at his baptism
- Ebionism – denies the **deity** of Christ.
- Denial caused by "its incompatibility with monotheism."
- Refuted throughout the New Testament.

# B. The Gnostics

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- Primarily a gentile perversion
- The rationalism of the early church
- *Gnosis* = higher knowledge
- Basic tenet is dualism:
  - Spiritual world (Gr., *pleroma*) is good.
  - Material world (Gr., *kenoma*) is evil.
  - Since flesh is evil, God could not become flesh.
- Their solutions:
  - 1. Cerinthian Gnosticism: the divine Christ came upon the human Jesus at his baptism and departed shortly before his death.
  - 2. Docetic Gnosticism (Gr., *dokeo*, to seem or appear): Jesus only had the appearance of flesh.
- Denies the **humanity** of Christ.
- Compare the scriptural teaching: Col. 1:15-18; 2:9; 1 John 4:2-6; 2 John 7.

## C. The Arians (early 4th century)

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- Arius was a proud, ambitious, and argumentative man.
- Arianism
  - Christ existed before all "other" creatures.
  - Christ was the agent God used to fashion the world
  - He Himself was created.
- Their theological argument: "The opposite view is unreasonable and irreconcilable with monotheism and God's dignity."
- Answer: The scriptural data reveals the doctrine of the Trinity.
  - I. Christ is God.
  - II. There is one God.
  - III. Christ is distinct from the Father.

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- Their scriptural arguments:
  - Proverbs 8
    - The early church interpreted as Christological.
    - The Septuagint translates the Hebrew word in verse 22 with the Greek word *ktizo*, meaning "created."
  - Answers:
    - The Hebrew word can be translated "acquire," "buy," and "possess," but not "create."
    - Wisdom is speaking, not Christ. It is created.

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## ■ Their scriptural arguments

### ■ Colossians 1:15

- Christ is the "firstborn of creation."
- Arians argue must mean Christ was created.

### ■ Answers:

#### ■ Other biblical usages of this Greek word

- E.g., Psalm 89:27 uses the word firstborn parallel to a phrase underscoring preeminence not birth order.

#### ■ Jewish literature

- Rabbi Bechai described Jehovah as "the firstborn of the world."

#### ■ The context

- The context focuses on Christ's preeminence.

## C. The Arians (early 4th century)

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- Arianism – denies the full **deity** of Christ
  - first of the created beings
  - a god but not *the* god
- In 325 A.D. the Nicean Council rejected Arianism as heresy, proclaiming Christ to be of one substance with the Father.

# D. The Apollinarians

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- Apollinarius first proposed this view.
- Man is composed of three parts:
  - Spirit
  - Soul
  - Body
- Christ had a human soul and body, but the divine Logos took the place of the human spirit.
- Apollinarianism – deny full **humanity**
  - the divine Logos took the place of the human spirit in Christ
  - the divine Logos took only the material part of human nature.
- The Council of Constantinople (381 A.D.) condemned this heresy.

# E. The Nestorians

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- Nestorius, the patriarch of Constantinople, first proposed this view.
- Christ consisted of two natures and two persons.
- The divine Logos indwelt the human Jesus.
- Nestorianism
  - denies the unity of two natures in one person
  - divides Christ into **two persons**, one human & one divine.
- The Synod of Ephesus (431 A.D.) condemned this teaching.

## F. The Eutychians

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- Eutychians are "monophysites" (one nature).
- They teach that Christ had only a divine nature.
- Eutychianism
  - fails to distinguish properly between the two natures;
  - Jesus had only **one nature**
- The Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.) condemned this doctrine.

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"The canon of infidelity was closed almost as soon as that of the Scriptures. Modern unbelievers have for the most part repeated the objections of their ancient predecessors."

## II. The Council of Chalcedon

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# The Chalcedon Statement

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- The Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.)
- “Following, then, the holy fathers, we unite in teaching all men to confess the one and only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. This selfsame one is perfect both in deity and in humanness; this selfsame one is also actually God and actually man, with a rational soul [i.e., human soul] and a body. He is of the same reality as God as far as his deity is concerned and of the same reality as we ourselves as far as his humanness is concerned; thus like us in all respects, sin only excepted.

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- “Before time began he was begotten of the Father, in respect of his deity, and now in these “last days,” for us and behalf of our salvation, this selfsame one was born of Mary the virgin, who is God-bearer in respect of his humanness.

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- “We also teach that we apprehend this one and only Christ —Son, Lord, only-begotten—in two natures; and we do this without confusing the two natures, without transmuting one nature into the other, without dividing them into two separate categories, without contrasting them according to area or function.

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- “The distinctiveness of each nature is not nullified by the union. Instead, the “properties” of each nature are conserved and both natures concur in one “person” and in one reality [hypostasis]. They are not divided or cut into two persons, but are together the one and only and only-begotten Word [Logos] of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus have the prophets of old testified; thus the Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us; thus the Symbol of Fathers [the Nicene Creed] has handed down to us.

# III. The Biblical Evidence

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## A. The Humanity of Christ

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- 1. He had a human birth into a human line.
  - Luke 2:1-20; 3:23-38
  - Rom. 1:3 - concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh
  - Gal. 4:4 - But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law

# The Virgin Birth

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- A Virgin conception and a virgin birth
  - Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:23, 25; Luke 1:27, 34
- What the virgin birth did not accomplish...
  - 1) Not the cause of Jesus' deity.
  - 2) Not the cause of His sinlessness.

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- What the virgin birth did accomplish...
  - 1) Fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy (7:14).
  - 2) Protected Jesus from the curse on Jeconiah.
  - 3) Divinely determined means through which the eternal, already existing Son of God could add to Himself full humanity.

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- 2. He developed as a human being
  - Luke 2:40, 52

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- 3. He had the essential elements of human nature.
  - A body
    - Matt. 26:12 - "For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial.
    - Luke 24:39 - "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."
    - John 1:14 - And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
    - John 2:21 - But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

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- 1 Tim. 3:16 - By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.
- Heb. 2:14 - Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,
- Heb. 10:5 - Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;
- Heb. 10:10 - By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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- 3. He had the essential elements of human nature.
  - A soul
    - Matt. 26:38 - Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me."
    - Mark 2:8 - Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?"
    - Luke 23:46 - And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last.
    - John 12:27 - "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour '? But for this purpose I came to this hour.
    - John 13:21 - When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me."

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- 4. He had the sinless weaknesses of human nature.
  - Matt. 4:2 - And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.
  - Matt. 8:24 - And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep.
  - John 4:6 - and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.
  - John 19:28 - After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, "I am thirsty."

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- 5. He is repeatedly called and assumed to be a man.
  - John 1:30 - "This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'
  - John 8:40 - "But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.
  - John 20:15 - Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

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  - Acts 17:31 - because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."
  - 1 Cor. 15:21, 47 - For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead... 47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.
  - 1 Tim. 2:5 - For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus,

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- 6. He had human names.
  - Jesus (Greek) = Joshua (Hebrew) = YHWH saves
  - Son of Abraham (Matt. 1:1)
  - Son of David (Matt. 1:1)

# Philippians 2:5-8

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- “But he emptied Himself”
- Emptied himself of what?
- Primarily 2 wrong views:
  - The **kenotic** view
    - gave up certain divine attributes, especially omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence
    - a denial of the deity of Christ
    - if at any moment in time or eternity, Christ became anything less than God is, he ceased to be God.
    - Cf. Heb. 13:8—Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever.
    - During his earthly life, Christ exercised omnipresence (John 1:47-48), omniscience (John 2:24-25; 16:30), and omnipotence in his many miracles.
  - The view of **Anselm**: Christ acted like he did not possess any divine attributes.

# The Incarnation

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- In the incarnation, Christ emptied himself in two specific ways:
  - He veiled His pre-incarnate glory (John 17:5)
  - He voluntarily restricted the use of some of his divine attributes.
- *Kenoo* [ken ah' oh]
  - KJV: “he made himself of no reputation.”
  - NIV: “he made himself nothing.”
  - Often used in secular Greek to describe pouring something out.
  - A simple metaphor: Christ poured himself out.

# “He Emptied Himself”

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- Taking the form of a bond-servant (7b)
- Being made in the likeness of men (7b)
  - The similarity = full complete humanity
    - United himself to an *un-glorified* humanity.
    - Became everything that we are.
    - He was subject to temptation, trouble, weakness, pain, sorrow, and every human limitation.
  - The difference:
    - 1) Rom. 8:3—God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, [yet without sin].
    - 2) He never ceased to be equal with God.

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- Being found in appearance as a man (8a)
  - Born in the usual way (Gal. 4:4);
  - Had a physical body (Col. 1:22);
  - Grew up in a family—he was the oldest of at least seven children;
  - Had human parents who cared for him (Luke 2:40-51);
  - Grew and developed as other children do (Luke 2:52);
  - Probably worked from at least 13-30 in Joseph’s business;
  - Got hungry, thirsty, tired, needed sleep, and felt pain;
  - Experienced external solicitations to sin (Heb. 4:15);
  - Died (Heb. 2:17).

# Why Does His Humanity Matter?

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## ■ Revelation

- To reveal God (Heb. 1:1-3)
- To reveal God's Truth in the Gospel (Heb. 2:1-4)

## ■ Salvation

- To rescue us from the fear of death (Heb. 2:14-15)
- To save us from the wrath of God
  - Heb. 2:17 – *“To make propitiation for the sins of the people”*

## ■ Illustration

- Heb. 12:2

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## ■ Association

- To associate with us in this life
  - Heb. 2:17: “*He had to be*” or “he was obligated to be like his brethren”
  - Why?
    - “*so that he might become a merciful & faithful High Priest*”
- To associate with us forever
  - Heb. 2:10-12

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- Revelation: to reveal God, God's truth, and perfection to us.
- Salvation: to rescue us from death, from the law, from our sin, and from His own coming wrath.
- Illustration: to give us an example to follow.
- Association: to understand us in time and to be one of us forever.

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- He had a human birth into a human line.
- He developed as a human being.
- He had the essential elements of human nature.
  - A body
  - A soul
- He had the sinless weaknesses of human nature.
- He is repeatedly called a man.
- He had human names.

# III. The Biblical Evidence

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## B. The Deity of Christ

# 1. The Names He Bears

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## ■ He is called God.

- John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:18 - No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.
- John 20:28 - Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"
- Rom. 9:5 - whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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## ■ He is called God.

- Titus 2:13 - looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,
- Heb. 1:8 - But of the Son *He says*, "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM."
- 1 John 5:20 - And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

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- He is called the Son of God.
  - Matt. 16:16-19 – Peter's confession
  - Matt. 26:63-66; Mark 14:61-64 – Jesus' confession
  - John 5:18 - For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.
  - John 19:6-7 - So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out *to be* the Son of God."

## 2. The Divine Attributes He Manifested

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### ■ Self-existent

- John 1:4 - In Him was life.
- John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
- Acts 3:15 – [you] put to death the Prince of life, *the one* whom God raised from the dead, *a fact* to which we are witnesses.

### ■ Eternal

- Is. 9:6 - For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
- Micah 5:2 - "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.*"

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### ■ Unchangable

- Heb. 13:8 - Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever.

### ■ Omnipresent

- Matt. 18:20 - "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."
- Matt. 18:18-20 - And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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### ■ Omniscient

- John 2:24-25 - Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, 25 and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.
- John 4:16-19
- John 21:6 - He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find *a catch*." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.
- Col. 2:3 - in [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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### ■ Omnipotent

- John 5:19 - Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.
- Rev. 1:8 - "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

# 3. The Divine Prerogatives He Possessed

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## ■ Right to forgive sin

- Mark 2:5-7 - Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"

## ■ Right to execute judgment

- John 5:27 – [The Father] gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man.

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## ■ Right to receive worship

- Divine worship is offered to Christ and accepted by Him.
- But that is contrary to what Scripture teaches should be offered to anyone but God Himself.
  - Ex. 20:3-5 - "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. 5 "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me.

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- Acts 10:25-26 - When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and worshiped *him*. 26 But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am *just* a man."
- Rev. 19:10 - I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God."
- Rev. 22:9 - he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."

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- Compare those passages with the response to Jesus.
  - Matt. 2:11 – After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him.
  - Matt. 14:33 – And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"
  - Matt. 28:9 – And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.
  - John 5:23 - all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.
  - John 9:38 – And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.

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- Phil. 2:10-11 - at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
  - Cf. Is. 45:23 - "I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear *allegiance*."
- Hebrews 1:6 - when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."
- Rev. 5:14 – And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

# 4. The Divine Works He Performed

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## ■ Creation

- Is. 44:24 - Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone,
- John 1:3 - All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

## ■ Providence

- Heb. 1:3 - He ... upholds all things by the word of His power.

# 5. The Divine Claims He Made

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- Scripture identifies Him as Yahweh of the OT.
  - Is. 40:3 - A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God."
    - Cf. Matt. 3:3 - this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!'"
  - Is. 6:1f
    - Cf. John 12:38-41
  - Heb. 1:10-12
    - Cf. Ps. 102:25-27

# 5. The Divine Claims He Made

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- Christ's Own Claims to be Yahweh of the OT.
  - Exodus 3:14
    - 3:11 No Authority—"Who am I?"
      - 3:12 YHWH's presence—"I will be with you."
    - 3:13 No message—"What shall I say?"
      - 3:14-15 YHWH's name—"I AM has sent you."

# God's Personal Name: "I AM"

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- Most frequent designation for God in OT (about 6000x)
- *The Sacred Tetragrammaton*
  - "The sacred four letters"
  - 4 Hebrew letters – YHWH
  - Probably pronounced, "Yahweh."
- English translations: "LORD" [all caps]; or occasionally "GOD" [all caps].
- Used in Genesis (9:26; 15:2).
- But it's full, complete revelation was not known until the time of Moses.
  - Ex. 6:3 - I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as God Almighty, but *by My name, LORD*, I did not make Myself known to them.

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- Ex. 3:14 uses 1st person form of the verb "to be" – "I AM."
- YHWH = 3rd person form of "to be" – "HE IS."
- Originally written without vowels (YHWH)
- Jews refused to pronounce; so they substituted *Adonai*.
- When vowels were added to the Hebrew text, vowels for *Adonai* were added to YHWH.
- The result was: YeHoWaH
- Anglicized = Jehovah

# God's Personal Name: "I AM"

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## ■ It's Meaning

- God's self-existence (3:14)
  - In Ex. 3:14 He called himself "I AM".
  - He is simply the One who is!
  - He is responsible for all existence, including His own.
  - He depends on nothing or no one for His existence.

# I AM

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- Yahweh-Jireh
  - He is...provider (Gen. 22:14)
- Yahweh –Nissi
  - He is...our banner (Ex. 17:15); banner = standard
- Yahweh –Tsidkenu
  - He is...our righteousness (Jer. 23:6)
- Yahweh –Shammah
  - He is...the One who is there (Ezek. 48:35)
- Yahweh Sabbaoth
  - He is...Lord of Hosts or Armies (1 Sam. 1:3)

# The I AM Statements of Christ

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- *ego eimi*
- “I am” + a predicate
- The Seven in John
  - I Am the Bread of Life (6:35, 48)
  - I Am the Light of the World (8:12)
  - I Am the Door (10:7, 9)
  - I Am the Good Shepherd (10:11, 14)
  - I Am the Resurrection & the Life (11:25)
  - I Am the Way, the Truth, and The Life (14:6)
  - I Am the True Vine (15:1, 5)

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- I Am + no predicate.
- Reminiscent of Is. 41:4; 43:10, 13, 25; 46:4; 48:12.
  - In each case the Hebrew is “I am he”.
  - In each case it points back to Ex. 3:14.
  - And in each case the LXX uses *ego eimi*.
  - And if anyone else but YHWH applies these words to himself, it is the highest blasphemy.
    - Is. 47:8 - "Now, then, hear this, you sensual one, Who dwells securely, Who says in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one besides me. I will not sit as a widow, Nor know loss of children.'

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- John 6:20
- John 18:5, 6, 8
- John 8:24, 28
- John 8:52-58

# The Relationship of the Two Natures

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- Without confusion
- Without change
- Without division
- Without separation

# Christology: Summary of the Doctrine

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- The Bible says that Jesus Christ is God; therefore, everything that may be predicated of God may be predicated of Christ.
- The Bible says that Jesus Christ is man; therefore, everything that is essential to man may properly be said to be possessed by Christ.
- Jesus Christ was one singular person, possessing a perfect consciousness and will.

# Lessons We Can Learn

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- 1) The ultimate expression of human sin is to declare one's own independence.
- 2) Jesus' claims to be YHWH are unmistakable.
- 3) Jesus Christ is to be the galactic center around which our lives revolve.