

“God: The Only Begotten Son - Part 1”

A Defense of the Deity of Jesus Christ

Trinity Revealed: A Biblical Blueprint

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I. Jesus Is Truly God: His Divine Nature and Eternal Glory

A. Word

1. *John 1:1-3*

- a) The Son is eternal, distinct, and fully divine.
- b) The Son is uncreated, coexistent & consubstantial with the Father.

B. Incarnation

1. *John 1:14, 18*

- a) The Son entered time, took on flesh, & tabernacles among us.
- b) The Son reveals God's glory & fully explains Him.

C. “I AM”

1. *John 8:58*

- a) Jesus applies Yahweh's name to Himself.
- b) Claims self-existence and divine identity.

D. Image

1. *Colossians 1:15-20; 2:9*

- a) Visible image of God, Fullness of God in Him.
- b) “*Firstborn*” = Status, not Sequence.

(1) *Psalms 89:27; Exodus 4:22*

- c) Jesus is supreme in status, not created.

E. Radiance

1. *Hebrews 1:3*

- a) Jesus doesn't just reflect God's glory, He radiates it, like sunlight from the sun.
- b) Exact imprint of God.

II. Jesus Exercises Divine Authority: Rights Belonging to God Alone

A. Forgives Sins

1. Mark 2:5–12

- a) Only God can forgive sin, yet Jesus declares forgiveness and confirms it through healing.

B. Gives Life & Raises the Dead

1. John 5:21; 11:43–44

- a) Jesus raises Lazarus and gives life by His own will
- b) Power is reserved for God alone.

C. Judges All People

1. John 5:22–23; Matthew 25:31–32

- a) The Father entrusts all judgment to the Son.
- b) Jesus is the final Judge of all humanity.

III. Jesus Is Worshiped as God: Confessions from His Followers

A. The Confession of the Healed

1. John 9:38

- a) “Lord, I believe.”

(1) He worshiped Jesus after receiving both physical and spiritual sight.

2. Others: Leper (Matt. 8:2), Jairus (Matt. 9:18), Syrophoenician Woman (Matt. 15:25)

B. The Confession of the Church

1. Apostolic declarations affirm Jesus as “God and Savior”—worshiped & exalted.

- a) Paul – “...our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus” (*Titus 2:13*)
- b) Peter – “...our God and Savior, Jesus Christ” (*2 Peter 1:1*)
- c) Author of Hebrews – “But of the Son He says, ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever’” (*Hebrews 1:8*)

C. The Confession of Thomas

1. John 20:28

- a) “My Lord and my God!”

(1) Thomas responds to the risen Christ with full belief and worship.