

# Apologetic Evangelism



**Defending the faith**



**Sharing the Gospel**

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# Fulfilling Prophecy

**Born of a woman**

**Genesis 3:15**

**Galatians 4:4**

**Seed of Abraham**

**Genesis 12:3; 22:18**

**Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16**

**House of David**

**Jeremiah 23:5**

**Luke 3:23,31**

**Tribe of Judah**

**Genesis 49:10**

**Luke 3:23,33; Heb 7:14**

**Born in Bethlehem**

**Micah 5:2**

**Matthew 2:1, Luke 2:4-7**

**Born of a Virgin**

**Isaiah 7:14**

**Matthew 1:21**

**Sold for 30 pieces of silver**

**Zechariah 11:12**

**Matthew 26:15**

**Crucified with thieves**

**Isaiah 53:9,12**

**Matthew 27:38; John 19:18**

# Fulfilling Prophecy

**Hands and feet pierced**

**Psalm 22:16**

**Matthew 27:35; John 20:25**

**Bones not broken**

**Psalm 34:30**

**John 19:33,36**

**Side pierced**

**Zechariah 12:10**

**John 19:34,37; 20:27 Rev 1:7**

**Lots cast for clothing**

**Psalm 22:18**

**John 19:23-24**

**Spat on**

**Isaiah 50:6**

**Matthew 26:67**

**Forsaken by disciples**

**Zechariah 13:7**

**Matthew 26:56; Mark 14:50**

**Wounded and bruised**

**Isaiah 53:5**

**Matthew 27:26**

**Placed in Rich mans tomb**

**Isaiah 53:9**

**Matthew 27:57-60**

# Fulfilling Prophecy

## Note

Each of those prophecies was fulfilled **OUTSIDE** of the control of Jesus!

## Odds Statistic

The odds of one man fulfilling 8 prophecies is 1 in  $1 \times 10^{17}$  (1 with 17 zeros)

## Texas Silver Dollar Analogy

This is like filling Texas 2 feet deep with silver dollars, marking one, and having someone pick it out on the first attempt.

# Fulfilling Prophecy

The odds of one man fulfilling these 16 prophecies is 1 in  $1 \times 10^{45}$  (1 with 45 zeros)

Consider a ball made of silver dollars equal to the distance from the earth to the sun (93M miles)

Now go out 30 times further and pick the marked silver dollar

If you drove 60mph continuously, starting 5300 years ago, you would just now be getting there.

# Sinless life

**Pilate** – Luke 23:4 – "I find no fault in this man"

**Centurion at cross** – Luke 23:47 – "Certainly this is a righteous man!"

**Thief on cross** – Matthew 27:40-42 – "Fear God, this man has done nothing!"

**Peter** – 1 Peter 1:19, 2:22 – "committed no sin"

**John** – 1 John 2:1, 3:7 – Calls Jesus righteous

**Paul** – 2 Cor 5:21 – "He knew no sin"

**Jesus** – John 8:46 – "Which of you convicts me of sin?"

# Miraculous life

Water into wine – John 2

Cast out demons – Mark 5

Jesus pointed to these miracles as evidence –  
Matthew 11:1-4 quoting Isaiah 35:5-6

Healed lame, blind, sick – Mk 2, Luke 4, John 9

Raised the dead – Luke 7, John 11

The Jews believed such signs were evidence – John  
3:2, 9:16

# The Resurrection of Jesus

**Its Importance**

**Its Nature**

**Its Evidence**

**Its Objections**

# Importance of Resurrection

## Heart of the Gospel

1Cor. 15:1, 3—"I declared to you *you the gospel*.... For I delivered delivered to you first of all that that which I received that Christ Christ died for our sins according according to the Scriptures, and and that He was buried, and that that *He rose again* the third day...."

## Condition of Salvation

Romans 10:9—"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

## No Hope Without It

1 Corinthians 15:14-19—"And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead...

# Nature of Resurrection - Physical Body

**The Tomb Was Empty**

(Mt. 28:6)

**Flesh and Bones**

(Lk. 24:39)

**Physical Wounds**

(Lk. 24:39; Jn. 20:27)

**Ate Physical Food**

(Lk. 24:42-43)

**Touched and Handled**

(Lk. 24:39; Jn. 20:27)

**Seen and Heard**

(1 Cor. 15:6)

**"Body" Means Physical Body**

**Bodies Rise, Not Souls**

**Same Body Raised**

(Jn. 20:20, 27)

# Evidence for Resurrection

## A. Reliability of NT

## B. Physical Death and Resurrection

1. His physical death

2. His physical resurrection

# New Testament confirms Physical Death

**1. Nature of injuries indicates death**

Mk. 15:25

**2. Nature of the crucifixion assures death**

**3. Piercing with spear - blood and water came out**

John 19:34

**4. Death cry heard**

Luke 23:46

**5. Roman executioners pronounced Him dead**

John 19:33

**6. Pilate double-checked**

Mark 15:44-45

**7. Wrapped and sealed in tomb**

John 19:39-40; Matt. 27:60

# Outside confirmation of resurrection

## Medical Authorities

*Journal of the American Medical Association*

## Early Christian Writers

Polycarp, Ignatius

## Christian Apologist

Justin Martyr

## Jewish Historian

Josephus

## Roman Historian

Cornelius Tacitus

## Greek Writer

Lucian of Samosata

## Syriac Philosopher

Mara Bar-Serapion

## Jewish Texts

Jewish Talmud, Phlegon

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# Eyewitnesses of the Resurrection

## The Order of the Twelve Appearances of Christ

Persons	Saw	Heard	Touched	Other
Mary Magdalene and other women (Mt. 28:1; Mk 16:1-3; Lk. 24:1-10; Jn. 20:1)				Empty tomb
The other women (Mt. 28:5-10; Mk. 16:6-16:6-9; Lk.24:4-9)				Empty tomb, angels
Peter and John (Jn. 20:3-10)				Empty tomb, Grave clothes
Mary Magdalene (Mk. 16:9-10; Jn. 20:11-18) (#1)	X	X	X	Angels
The other women (Mt. 28:9-10) (#2)	X	X	X	
Peter (Lk. 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5) (#3)	X			

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Two Disciples (Lk. 24:13-31; Mk. 15:12) (#4)	X	X		Ate
Ten Disciples (Mk. 16:14; Lk. 24:35-49; Jn. 20:19-24; 1 Cor. 15:5) (#5)	X	X	X*	Crucifixion scars
Eleven disciples (Thomas present) (Jn. 20:26-29) (#6)	X	X	X*	Crucifixion scars
Seven disciples by Seas of Galilee (Jn. 21:1-23) (#7)	X	X		Ate
Five hundred disciples in Galilee (1 Cor 15:6) (#8)	X	X		
All the apostles in Galilee (Mt. 28:18-20) (#9)	X	X		

\*Implied  
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Persons	Saw	Heard	Touched	Other
James (1 Cor. 15:7) (#10)	X	X		
All the apostles in Jerusalem (1 Cor. 15:7; Mk. 16:15-20; Lk. 24:46-52; Acts 1:3-9) (#11)	X	X		Ate
Paul (Acts 9:1-8; 1 Cor. 9:1; 15:8) (#12)	X	X		

They were totally transformed over night from scared, scattered, and skeptical disciples into the world's greatest missionary society.

# Theories Against Resurrection

Swoon– Jesus passed out

Hallucination – Witnesses thought they saw Christ

Conspiracy – Body stolen by Jews, Romans, or Disciples

Wrong Tomb – Emotional women made a mistake

# 12 Facts all scholars believe about Christ

Jesus died by crucifixion

He was buried

Jesus' death caused the disciples to despair and lose hope, believing that His life had been ended

The tomb was discovered to be empty just a few days later

The disciples had experiences which they believed were literal appearances of the risen Jesus

The disciples were transformed from doubters, afraid to identify themselves as being with Jesus, to bold witnesses of His death and resurrection

Resurrection message at center of early church preaching

Message proclaimed in Jerusalem where He was buried

Church was born and grew as result

Sunday became primary worship day

James converted when he saw resurrected Jesus

Paul converted by resurrection appearance

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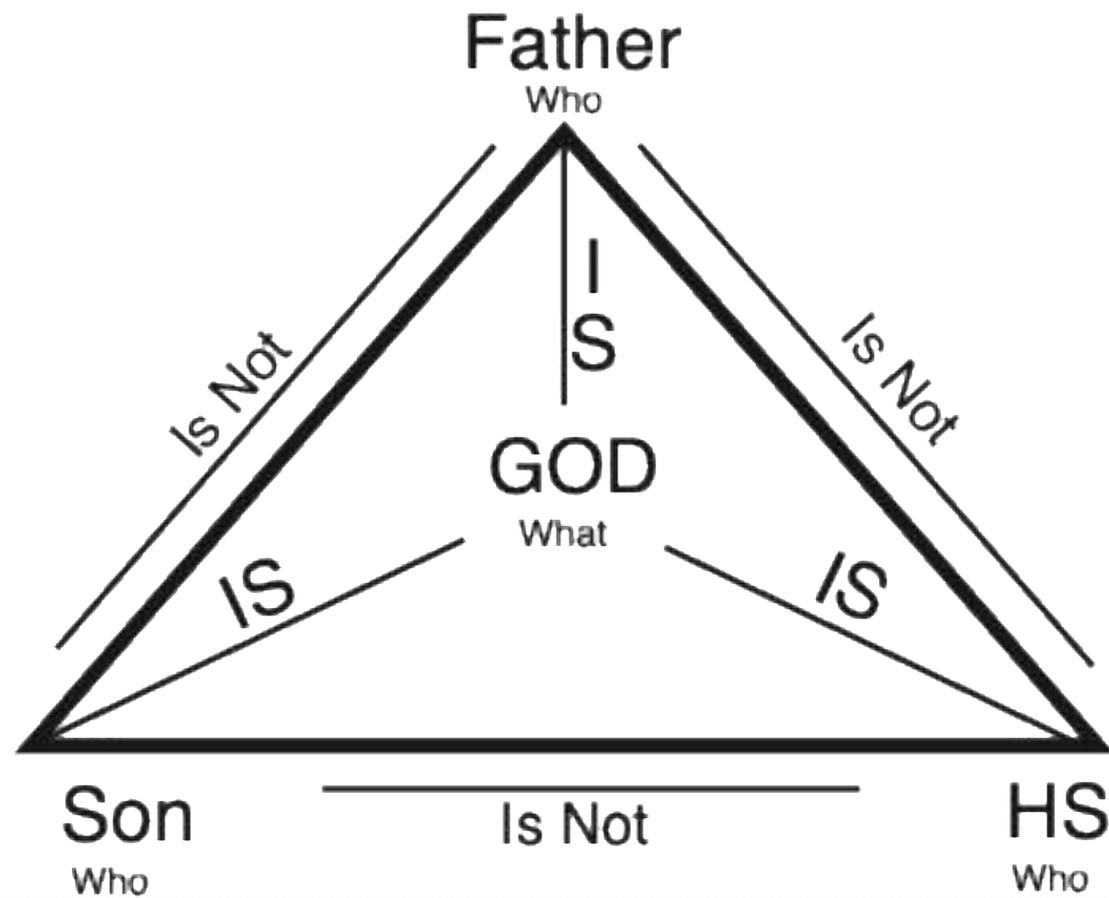
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God is a Trinity. The ONE God is made of 3 Persons: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.

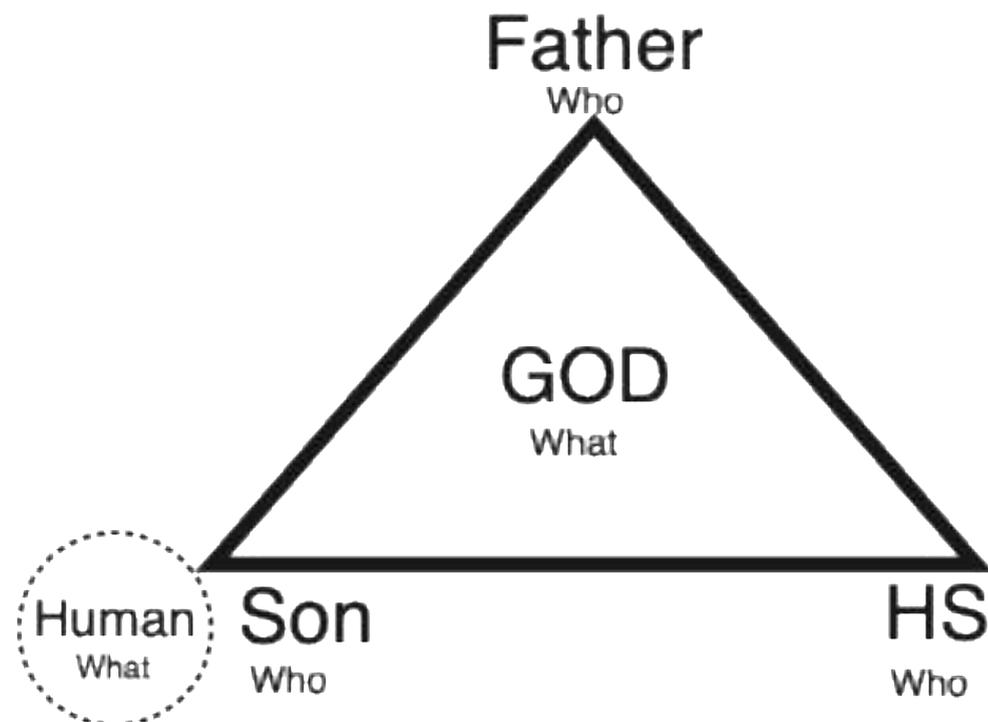
The Father is NOT the Son, the Son is NOT the HS, the HS is NOT God.

The Father IS God, the Son IS God, the HS IS God.

A Triangle is not a triangle unless it has three (tri) angles.

If you remove or add any angles, it is no longer a triangle.

God is a Trinity. You cannot add or subtract any PERSONS of the Trinity and still have the God represented by the Bible.



God is eternal, so all PERSONS of the Trinity are eternal.

The FIRST PERSON of the Trinity is the Father.

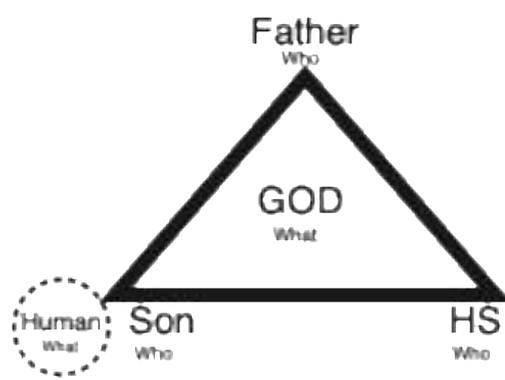
The SECOND PERSON of the Trinity is the Son.

The THIRD PERSON of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit.

The Son, who is God, also took on the NATURE of HUMANITY.

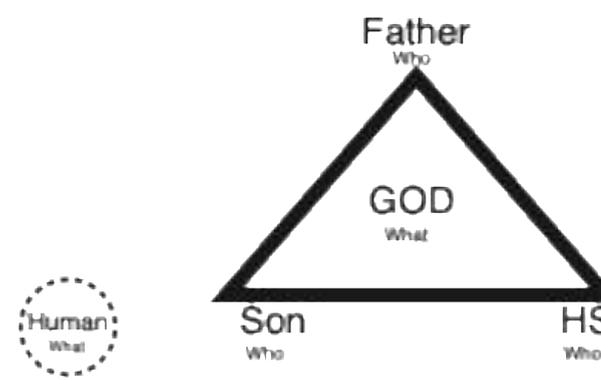
Only the Son (SECOND PERSON) became a human.

The Father and Holy Spirit DID NOT become man, only the Son.



The correct view of the Trinity is 3 **Distinct** Persons with **ONE NATURE**. The **Persons** are **distinct** from each other, but are not separate from sharing the **same nature**. God is Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.

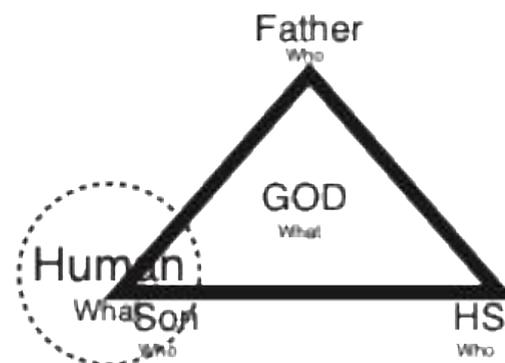
The Son also took on the **NATURE** of **HUMANITY**. The **SECOND PERSON** of the **TRINITY** has 2 **NATURES** (Divine & Human.)



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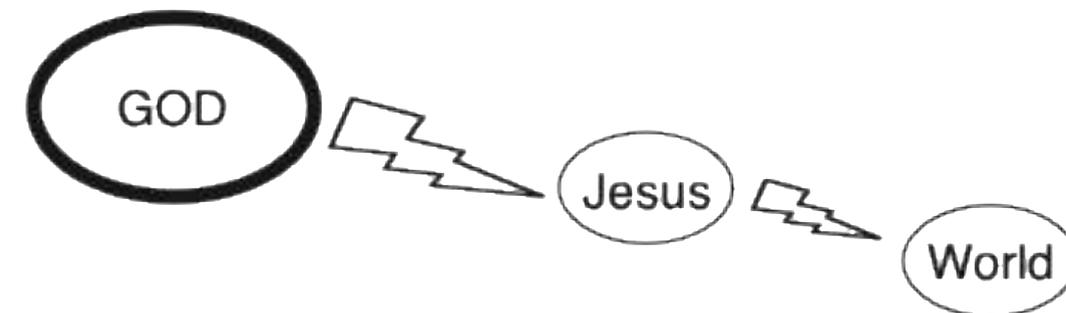
Col 2:9 For the **entire fullness** of God's nature **dwells bodily** in Christ.



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1Tim 2:5, Heb 2:14 speak of Jesus' Humanity.



A false view of God shows **no Trinity**. Jesus is the **First CREATION** of **GOD**, all other things are created by Jesus. Jesus is **not equal with God**, but may be considered a "MINI-God."

The Correct view shows God as a Trinity. All persons of the Trinity are eternal, **none are created**. Jesus is Fully God, not a **CREATED BEING**. Jesus took on the **NATURE of HUMANITY** to become a man. 1 **PERSON** with **TWO NATURES**.

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Col 1:15-19, 2:9; Jn 1:1,14, 8:58; Phil 2:6 show Jesus is God.