

“What he was, he remained; what he was not, he became.”

Gregory of Nazianzus

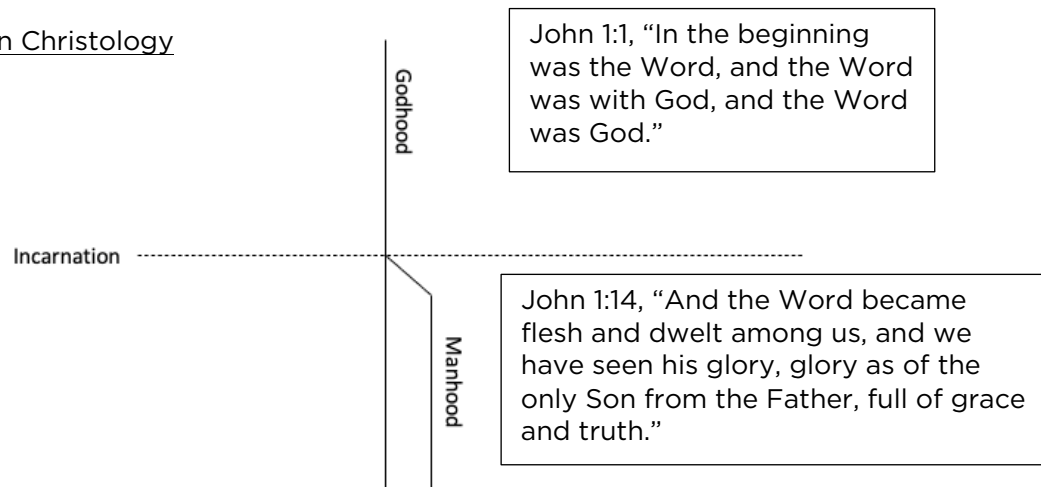
Did the Son of God exist before Jesus was born?

The Dispute

Eutychianism

monophysitism = _____ - “our Lord was of two natures before the union, but after the union only one.”

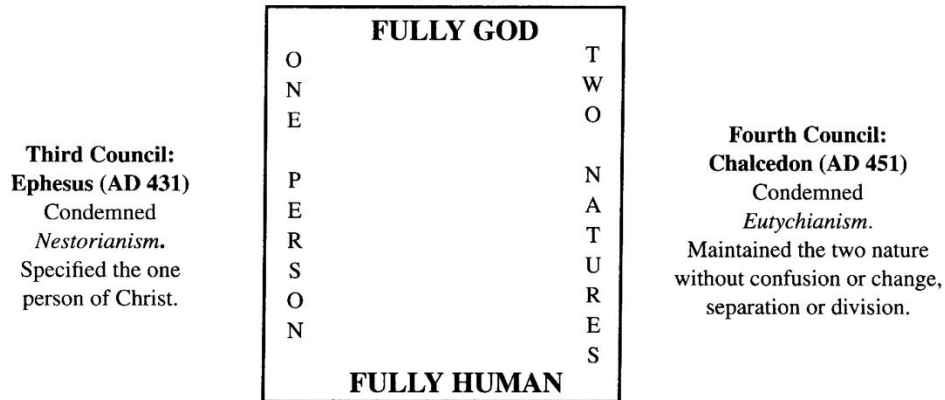
Chalcedonian Christology



Christ's Body: When, What, and Where?

1. Pre-incarnation = _____ body
2. Incarnation to death = _____ body
3. Resurrection to future = _____ body

First Council: Nicea (AD 325)
 Condemned *Arianism*
 Soteriological axiom: "God alone can save us."



Second Council: Constantinople I (AD 381)
 Re-affirmed Nicaea, condemned *Apollinarianism.*
 Soteriological Axiom: "That which is not assumed is not healed."

Potayto Potahto

1 John 4:2 says, "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God..."

Christ must be fully human, without confusion or change...

1. As a representative
 - Our representative in _____ (Romans 5:18-19)
 - Our substitutionary _____ (Hebrews 2:16-17)
2. As a pattern
 - Our example and pattern in _____ (1 Peter 2:21)
 - Our pattern of _____ (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)
3. In his work
 - He is our _____ (1 Timothy 2:5)
 - He is our _____ (Hebrews 4:14-15)

"It is necessary that the self-same Person who is to make this satisfaction [for sin] be perfect God and perfect man, since He cannot make it unless He be really God, and He ought not to make it unless He be really man."

Anselm of Canterbury

Heresy and Majesty

1. Pendulums - Theological _____ aren't helpful.
2. Power - Christians don't do well with _____.
3. Incarnation - Who is like our God?

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