

Who Is Jesus Christ?

Matthew 16:13-15

Heretical Views

1. Ebionism – Jewish Messiah, but not God. God adopted a person and anointed him at his baptism.
2. Docetism – Christ did not actually become flesh. He had an apparent body but not a literal one.
3. Arianism – Denied eternity of Christ stating that He is the highest of created beings.
4. Apollinarianism – Incomplete human nature: body and soul but no spirit.
5. Nestorianism – Denied the union of the human and divine nature of Christ.
6. Eutychianism – Took Christ's two natures (human and divine) and fused them to form a third.

Orthodox position: Jesus Christ is one Person. He has a complete human nature and a complete divine nature and yet these two natures can never be mixed, confused, divided, or separated. Jesus Christ is 100% God and 100% man all at the same time.

Westminster Confession of Faith

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one SUBSTANCE, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come take upon Himself man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably jointed together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person, is very God and very man, yet one Christ the mediator between God and man (Chapter 8, Section 2).

Key Words

1. Hypostatic Union: (υποστασις – hoop pa stasis) – (Hebrews 1:3).
2. Kenosis: To empty (κενωω) – Philippians 2:7
3. Begotten: The only one of its genus or kind – John 1:18

THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST	
Human Nature Finiteness	Divine Nature Infinite

- The Seed of the woman that bruised the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15).
- The Passover Lamb (Exodus 12:3).
- The Anointed High Priest (Leviticus 8:7).
- The Star of David (Numbers 21:8).
- The Captain of the Lord's Host (Joshua 5:14).
- The Messenger of Jehovah (Judges 2:1).
- The God of our Salvation (I Chronicles 16:35).
- The Risen and Returning Redeemer (Job 19:25).
- The Good Shepherd (Psalm 23:1).
- The King of Glory (Psalm 24:7-10).
- The Chief among Ten Thousand (Song of Solomon 5:10).
- The Virgin-born Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7).
- The Righteous Servant (Isaiah 52:13).
- The Man of Sorrows (Isaiah 53:3).
- The Object of the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-33).
- The King of the Resurrection (Hosea 13:9-10).
- The Bringer of Good Tidings (Nahum 1:15).
- The Desire of All Nations (Haggai 2:y7).
- The Pierced One (Zechariah 12:10).
- The King of the Earth (Zechariah 14:9).
- He is the Alpha and Omega (Revelation 1:8), the First and Last, the Beginning and the End.