

Ignorant (gullible, simple) people are easy prey for those with wicked schemes: [Proverbs 7:6–7](#) For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, And beheld among the **simple ones**, I discerned among the youths, **a young man void of understanding**,

Simple: As in Proverbs 1:4, 1.22 7.6-7

- The simple are not stupid (Extreme dullness of perception or understanding; insensibility; sluggishness.) but inexperienced and **gullible (easily persuaded to believe something)**.
- The simple are **uneducated in the ways of wisdom and need instruction**.
- The simple man has his **mind open, but in a gullible and dangerous way**.
- The simple young man is **Devoid of understanding** his reservoir of wisdom and understanding is empty
- The simple is the one who at all cost must get Wisdom (Proverbs 4:5-7)
- The Simple must, at all costs, **get wisdom** (Proverbs 4:5-7).

Ingrained habits are more and more difficult to break the more they are experienced, and it is almost impossible to break such habits

Christ Human or Divine?

Ask a conservative, "Was Jesus human or divine?" and he will answer emphatically, "Divine!" ([John 1:1](#))

Ask a liberal the same question and he may reply, "Human." ([John 1:14](#))

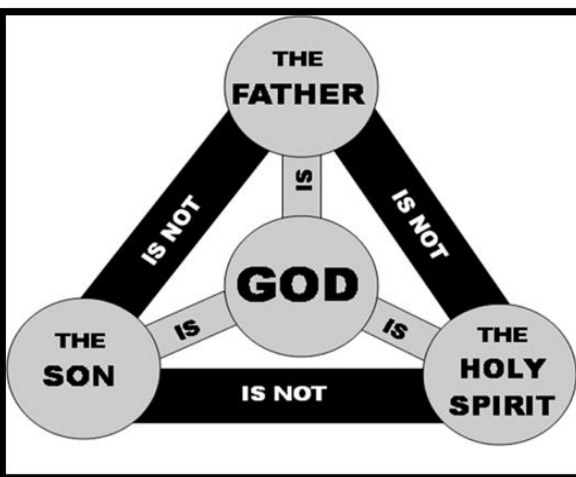
- Both are right and both are wrong.
 - Why? Because the correct answer is "Both."
- Jesus was both human and divine.**

When Did Christ Begin ?

In the beginning (en [arche](#)) - What *beginning*

- eternity by its very nature has no **beginning** and no end, a truth no finite mind can fully grasp.
- What John is saying could be paraphrased "Before even time began was the Word."
- So **beginning** refers to the inception of creation. When the creation came into existent, Jesus was already there.
- No matter how far back we believe the **beginning** to be, we will find Jesus, the pre-existent Word.

Who Is Christ?



- The Bible shows very clearly that there is only one God, and yet that there are three personal distinctions in
- His complex nature, traditionally referred to as "three Persons in the Godhead"—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- Each is distinct from the others but never acts independently. They are one in nature and purpose

COMPARISON OF GENERAL EMPHASIS OF TEACHING ON JESUS	
SYNOPTIC GOSPELS MATTHEW-MARK-LUKE	GOSPEL OF JOHN
Focus more on WHAT Jesus taught and did	Focuses more on WHO Jesus is
SHOW US JESUS OUTWARDLY	SHOWS US JESUS INWARDLY
EMPHASIZE JESUS' HUMANITY	EMPHASIZES JESUS' DIVINITY
Focus mainly on our Lord's public discourses	Focus more on His private conversations, His verbal conflicts with Jews, His closer teachings with inner disciples
More Factual	More Doctrinal.
Begin with a human genealogy and fulfillment of Jewish prophecy	Begins with a Divine revelation and eternal existence

THE SEVEN SIGNS JOHN 1-12				
SIGN	SIGNIFICANCE	BELIEF	UNBELIEF	SCRIPTURE
Water to wine	Jesus' power over quality	The disciples	-	Jn 2:1-11
Healing son of Official	Jesus' power over space	The official and his household	-	Jn 4:46-54
Healing the Paralytic	Jesus' power over time	Paralytic??	The Jews	Jn 5:1-9
Feeding the 5000	Jesus' power over quantity	Some in the crowd	See Jn 6:26-66	Jn 6:1-15
Walking on Water	Jesus' power over nature	The disciples	-	Jn 6:16-21
Healing man born blind	Jesus' power over adversity	The blind man	The Pharisees	Jn 9:1-12
Raising Lazarus	Jesus' power over death	Martha, Mary, Many Jews	The Jewish Authorities	Jn 11:1-16
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