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## The Son of God was Made, Acts 2:36



The scriptures teach that the Son of God was made with a beginning in time because the Son is the man who was born in Bethlehem. There is not a single scripture to support an alleged coequal and timeless God the Son without a beginning in time. For in Acts 2:36, Peter said, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has MADE him [Greek verb poieó (poy-eh'-o) "Make, Manufacture, Construct, or Cause"] both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified."

God has clearly "made him" (the Son) "both Lord and Christ." Since God made Jesus "both Lord [kurios (koo'-ree-os) "Lord, master"] and Christ," Jesus Christ could not have always timelessly existed as a Son without a beginning. Thus, Acts 2:36 proves that Jesus was not always "both Lord and Christ" before God "made him both Lord and Christ."

Only the omnipresent Father can act and speak in the heavens while simultaneously acting and speaking on the earth as a true man. While created angels and men cannot simultaneously exist in more than one location at a time, our Heavenly Father can. For the Father's Divine Essence of Being was reproduced to become a true human being in the Hebrew virgin.

Hebrews 1:3 informs us that the Son is "...the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person." The context of Hebrews 1:1-3 proves that the Son is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image (charakter = a "reproduction" or a "copied" "image" from an "original") of the Father's person as a fully complete human person. The Greek word "charakter" proves that the Son is "the express image" of the Father's "Substance of Being" (see "hypostasis" in Heb. 1:3 which means "Substance of Being") as a "reproduced" or "copied" image of the Father's Divine Person as a true human person. Only the omnipresent Father can act and speak in the heavens while simultaneously acting and speaking on the earth as a true man. While created angels and men cannot simultaneously exist in more than one location at a time, our Heavenly Father can. For the Father's Divine Essence of Being was reproduced to become a true human being in the Hebrew virgin.

Hebrews 2:17, "For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way..."

The context of Hebrews 2:17 states that it is Jesus the Son of God who was "made" exactly "like" all humans are made. MADE is translated from the Greek verb homoioó (hom-oy-o'-o) which literally means "to make like." Jesus as a Son was "made like" all humans by being "made" exactly like all humans are made.

In like manner, Matthew 1:20 states that the Son was made "out of" (see Greek prep. "ek" = "out of") the Holy Spirit's "Substance of Being (compare Matthew 1:20 with Hebrews 1:3)." Since Jesus himself stated that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God the Father (John 4:23-24 - "God is a Spirit" - "For the Father seeks such to worship Him in Spirit and in truth"), the Father's Holy Spirit descended on the virgin to reproduce a copied image of the Father's Divine Person as a true human person in order to "Save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:23).

Trinitarians cannot believe that the Son of God was literally "made" up in heaven as an alleged pre-incarnate distinct God the Son before being "made" by his virgin conception and birth without espousing Arianism. Nor can Trinitarians believe that the Son was "reproduced" or "copied" (Greek "charakter' = a "reproduction" or "copy" – Heb. 1:3) from the Substance of Being of the Father without espousing Oneness Modalism because Hebrews 1:3 and Colossians 1:15 (Jesus is "the image of the invisible God" – Col. 1:15) inform us that Jesus is the Father's "Substance of Being" "reproduced" or "copied" as a true human image of the Father's "Person." Therefore, only Oneness Theology can uphold the true deity of Christ while bringing harmony to all of the scriptural data.

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