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Bread of life John 6:35 →



← Light of the world John 8:12



Gate John 10:9 →



← Good Shepherd John 10:11

Resurrection and life John 11:25 →



← Way truth and Life John 14:6

Vine John 15:1 →



48 The Jews answered him, 'Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?'

John 8:48-59

<sup>49</sup> ‘I am not possessed by a demon,’ said Jesus, ‘but I honour my Father and you dishonour me. <sup>50</sup> I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.’

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<sup>52</sup> At this they exclaimed, ‘Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?’

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<sup>54</sup> Jesus replied, 'If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. <sup>55</sup> Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.'

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<sup>57</sup> ‘You are not yet fifty years old,’ they said to him, ‘and you have seen Abraham!’<sup>58</sup> ‘Very truly I tell you,’ Jesus answered, ‘before Abraham was born, I am!’<sup>59</sup> At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

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“I don't think that he (*Jesus*) thought he was the Son of God.”

Richard Dawkins



“Before Abraham was, I am”

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Thomas a Beckett stipulated that one Sunday every year be given over to teaching on the Trinity

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“What is amazing, however, is that this confession of God as One in Three took place without struggle and without controversy by a people indoctrinated for centuries in the faith of the one God, and that in entering the Christian church they were not conscious of any break with their ancient faith.”

*R. A. Finlayson*

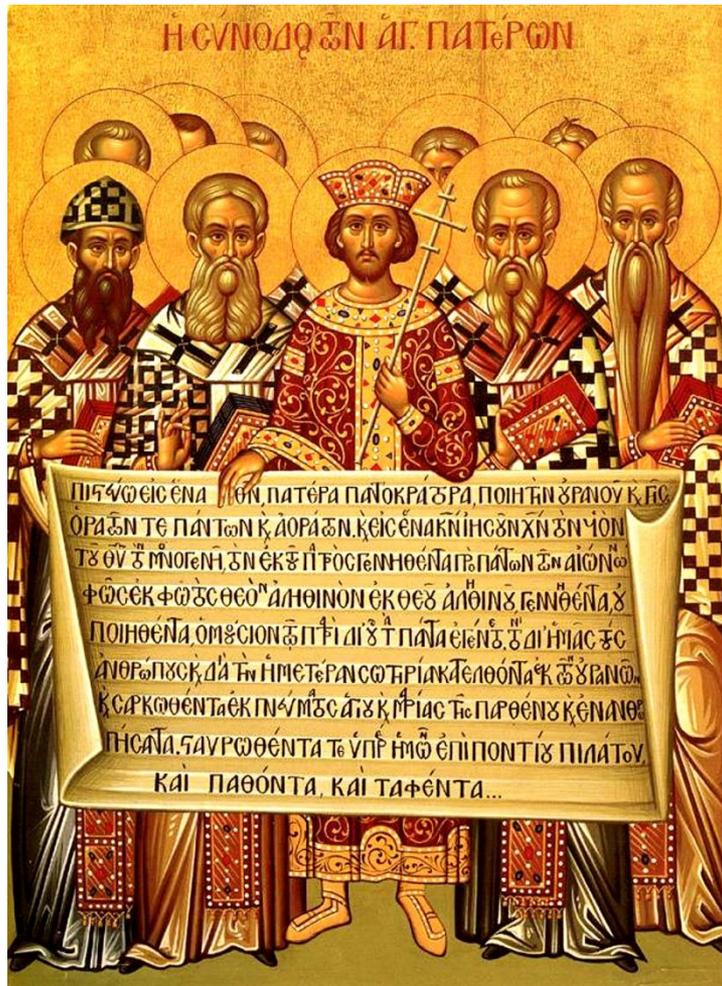
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**Creeds:**  
Apostles  
Nicene  
Athanasian

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Why is it so important?

Two main attributes of God:

- All powerful
- Personal



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Two main attributes of God:

**WHAT WOULD GOD BE LIKE  
IF HE WERE NOT TRINITY**



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Why is it so important?

- Singular God      **- unknowable**
- Plural gods        **- impotent**



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Why is it so important?



- God as trinity
  - omnipotent
  - &
  - personal

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