

The Christ, Jesus, the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:16)

Jesus is the son of God, the Father, Jehovah. He was begotten of God, not created. The difference between “begotten” and “created” lies in the nature of what was made, or produced. Begotten implies being made from the very same substance of God... the very same nature, or essence of God Himself. “Created” implies something made from a different material or substance. It would imply that the Son was made from a different material than that of God Himself and therefore not really divine. While both terms are similar in that they refer to what God originated or produced, they differ greatly regarding the nature of what was produced. The term “created” implies producing something of a different “kind.” “Begotten” says He is the same “kind” as the Father. This is a critical distinction which separates TAWA from those who hold the Arian view of the Son, such as Jehovah’s Witnesses. (Arian refers to the Arian Controversy of 300 AD... Arian vs Athanasius.)

TAWA therefore holds to the traditional verbiage of the KJV/NKJ of passages like John 3:16, “...the only **begotten** Son,” and reject translations like NIV that say, “one and only son”, which implies that even an adopted son could somehow be divine? No. The Christ, Jesus came out of (**ΕΚ**) God the Father, came forth from the Father, thereby being part of the very essence of God, and therefore divine.

As a divine being, Jesus “**becoming** flesh” (John 1:14) and thereby making Himself “lower than the angels” (Psalm 8:5, Hebrews 2:7, 9) was, in fact, a much greater sacrifice than is typically understood within the Christian community today. His great love for mankind caused Him to willfully sacrifice Himself, not only in body, as a man on the cross, which any man can do. Soldiers on the battle field, for example; but also to give up His divinity, which no man can do. This makes His sacrifice nearly incomprehensible to mortal man, and why He is so deserving of honor and glory.

Jesus is the Son of God, which became flesh, was “tempted in all parts as we are, yet without sin,” Hebrews 4:15. This makes Jesus our exemplar. He is our example... the One to imitate. He showed us that it **is** possible not to sin. Being a man, that’s why He is also called the “Son of Man”, the term shows us His humanity, He did **not** sin. Showing it to be at least possible. Not that we will not sin, but that we do not have to. This also tells us that it is possible to **stop** sinning against God. Not that we will, but that we could. That is why Jesus told the woman in John 8:11, and the man in John 5:14, to “sin no more”. It was that simple. Would our Lord and Savior, who loved us so much that He sacrificed Himself in body, and divinity, then command us to do something that would be impossible for us to do? No. That would go against His vary nature and character.

But we will sin. There is no one without sin. (Romans 3:23) Man has done evil all along. (Genesis 6:5) But Jesus **has** given us a path to salvation. How could anyone think there could be a greater God than that of the Father and His Son, Jesus? The Father allowed His own Son to do all of this for us. There’s no God like Jehovah.