

NUTS AND BOLTS OF TRINITARIAN THEOLOGY

PART – VI

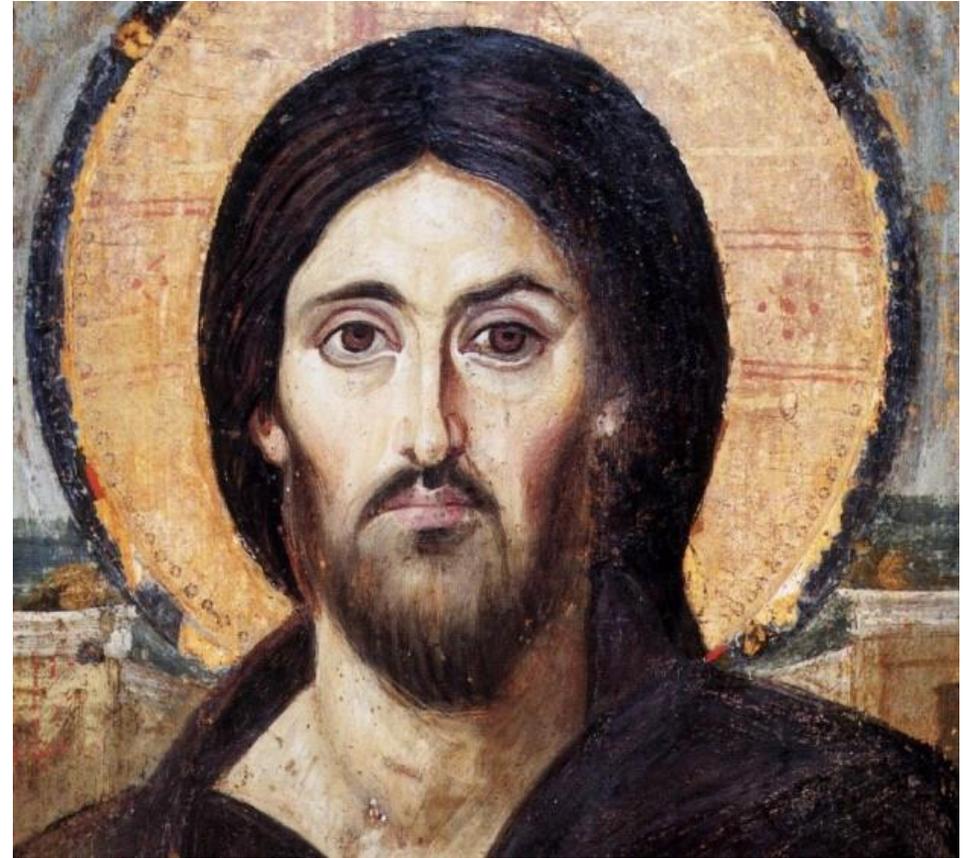
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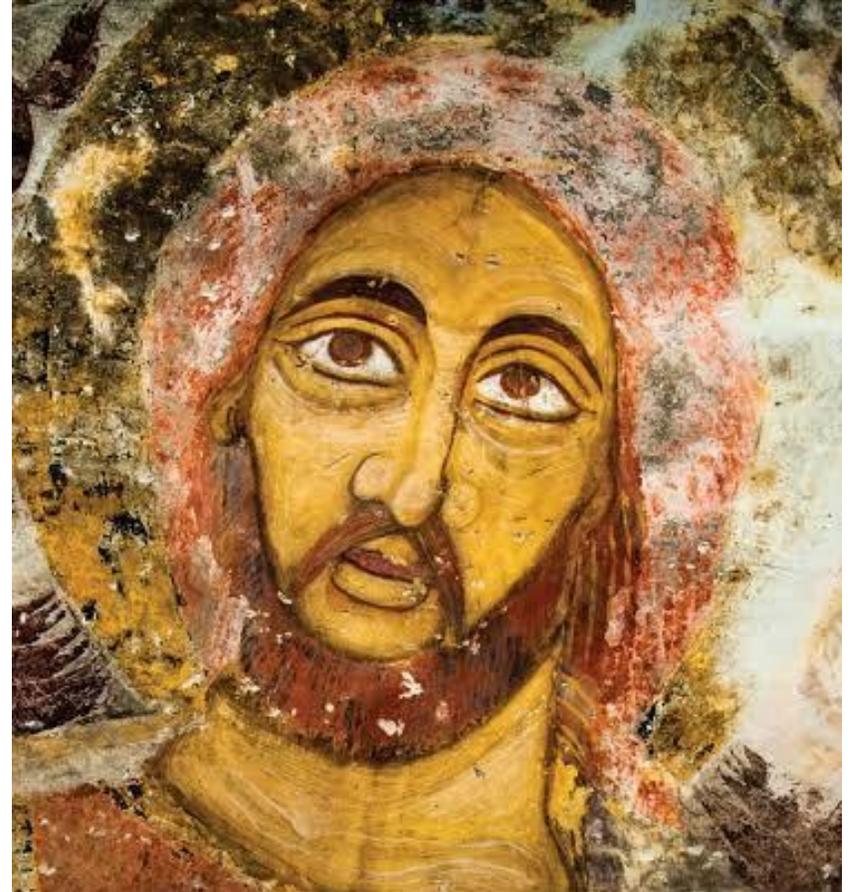
The humanity of Jesus

- For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and He suffered and was buried. On the third day He rose according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
- This tells about the humanity of Jesus and His mighty acts for the salvation of humanity.



The Humanity of Jesus

- **Docetism** : denies the reality of Christ's incarnation, and said that Christ only seemed to be human, but really He had no bodily existence.
- **Apollinarism** : teaches that Jesus had a normal human body but a divine mind instead of a regular human soul.
- **Nestorianism** : Teaches Jesus has two different natures which are not in union.



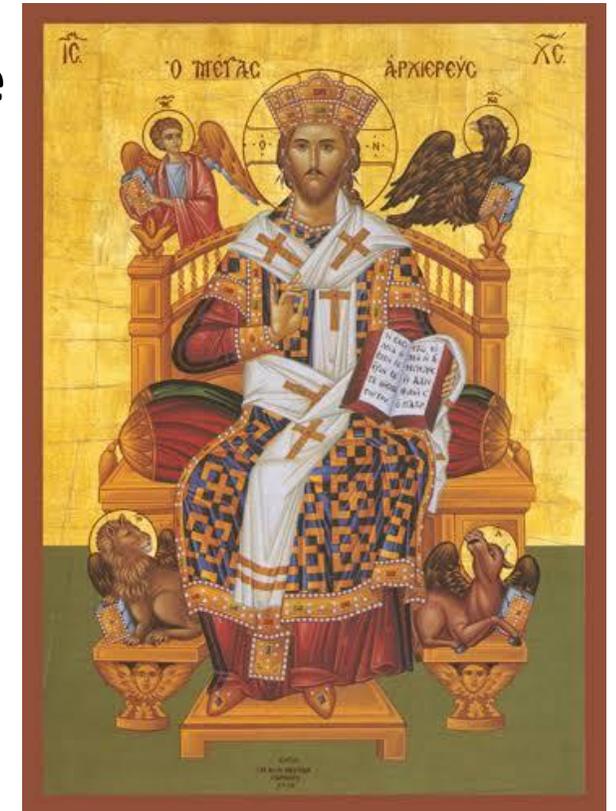
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- **2 John 1:7: For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.**
- **Christians believe in the Hypostatic union of Divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ.**



Importance of Jesus' humanity – High Priest

- Hebrews 2:16-17: For indeed He does not [h](take on the nature of) give aid to angels, but He does [i] (take on) give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, **that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**
- He can represent Humanity by becoming human only
- 1 Timothy 2:5: For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,
- Hebrews 4:15: For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.



Importance Jesus' humanity - Helper

- Hebrews 2:18: or in that He Himself has suffered, being [i]tempted, **He is able to aid those who are tempted.**
- Hebrews 4: 15-16: For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. **Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**



Importance of Jesus' humanity - Atoner

- Hebrews 2:14-: Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
- Whatever is not assumed by Christ is not healed.
- The incarnation itself is atonement (at + onement)
- Crucifixion is a part of atonement.
- Jesus assumed and joined us in every (will, emotion, physicality, and mortality) aspect of humanity and overcame its corruption.



In the humanity of Christ

- **For us and for our salvation**, He came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and He suffered and was buried. On the third day He rose according to the Scriptures. **He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father**; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end
- The true atonement: Colossians 2: 9,10 : For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him
- Ephesians 2:5-7: even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and **raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- When Jesus returns God and His people are going to live together, where we are going to experience Christ's AT-ONE-MENT (atonement) in its fullness.

In conclusion

- **In the humanity of Christ, God meets us at our factual condition.**
- **Due to His humanity Jesus shows compassion in our vulnerable condition.**
- **Due to His humanity Jesus does perfect mediation between God and humans.**
- **In the incarnation the Divine perfectly synthesized with humans due to which He perfectly empathizes with humans and offers aid in times of need.**
- **In the humanity of Christ, God placed us in our actual position.**
- **God decided to continue His existence with humans as a human; this tells us that God wants to be God of His most dearest creation i.e humans (you and me). (Jesus remaining as a human is the proof of His Great love towards us)**