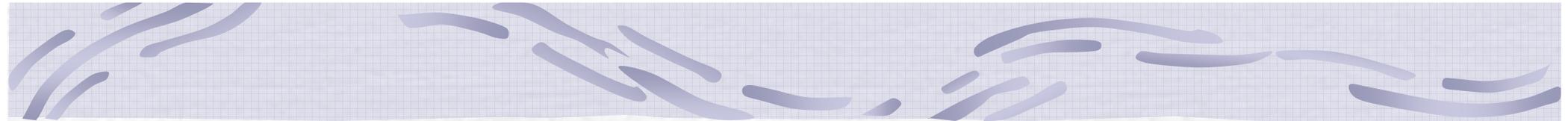


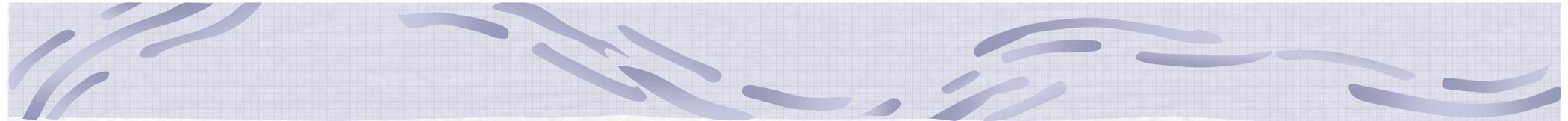
**WAS JESUS GOD ON EARTH?**



## ONE SAID

“He divested himself of the glory, honor...whatever qualities and characteristics had been his as divine were foregone. Whatever privileges and powers there might have been were stripped from him. He was just a regular guy like you and me.”

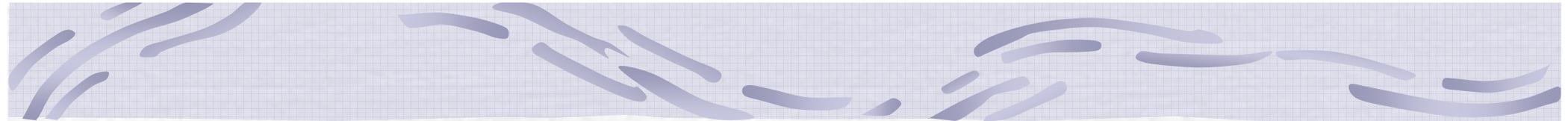




## ANOTHER SAID

“In person, He was the ‘I AM.’ He voluntarily divested Himself of the divine powers and prerogatives that would have prevented Him from being fully human, just as you and I are man.”

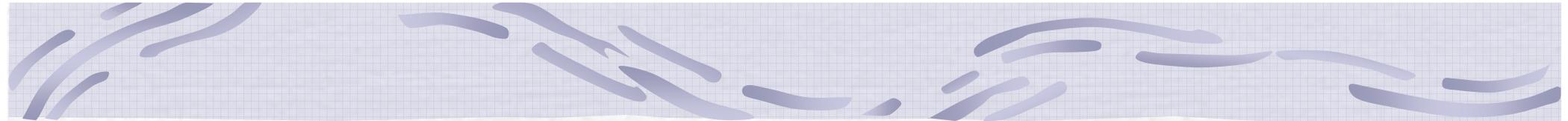




## ANOTHER SAID

“Jesus, while on earth in the flesh, had both human and divine attributes but never used any of His divine attributes.”





# JESUS, WHILE ON EARTH, WAS FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN

- I can not understand it.
  - I can not explain it.
  - God has not required that I do.
  - He has required that I BELIEVE IT.
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# PROOF THAT HE WAS FULLY MAN

When they looked at Him, they saw a man; that He was man was demonstrated.

“The Word was made flesh.” (John 1:14).

“A body thou hast prepared me.” (Heb. 10:5).

## PROOF THAT HE WAS FULLY GOD

“Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God.” (Jn. 10:36).

“Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.” (Jn. 5:18).

“Thou shalt call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us.” (Matt. 1:23).

# PROOF THAT HE USED HIS OWN ATTRIBUTES OF DEITY

- He forgave sins. (Mark 2:5)
- He received worship. (Matt. 8:2;9:18;14:23)
- He gave the apostles power over unclean spirits and to heal the sick.
  - "He **called** unto Him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and **gave** them power over unclean spirits" (Mark.6:7)
  - "**I** send you forth...heal the sick." Lk.10:3,9)

# HIS MIRACLES PROVED HE WAS THE SON OF GOD - DEITY

- No Holy Spirit empowered apostle could:
- Forgive sins, Jesus did.
- Walk on water, except Peter for a while **by the power of Jesus word**, Jesus did.
- Say: “**I** give you power over unclean spirits.” Jesus did.
- Say: “**I** have power to lay down my life and I have power to take it again.” Jesus did.
- Say he was in heaven, Jesus did.

## JOHN 20:30-31

- “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”

## OF WHAT DID HE EMPTY HIMSELF?

“But He emptied Himself and took upon Him the **form** of a servant, and was made in the **likeness** of men: And being found in **fashion** as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross,” (Phil. 2:7-8).

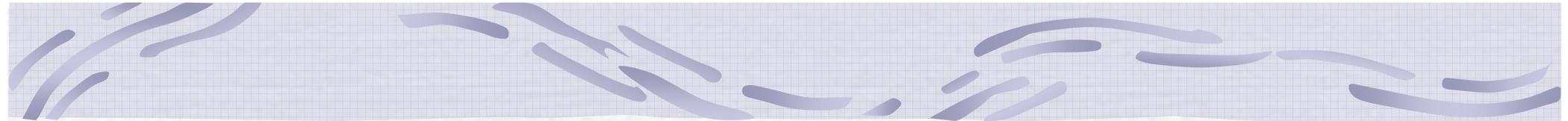
“And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine **own** self with the **glory** which I had **with thee** before the world was.” (Jn. 17:5)

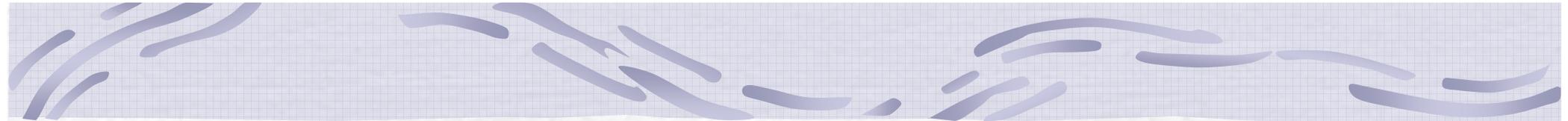
# HE DID NOT EMPTY HIMSELF OF AUTHORITY AND POWER

- To say that He was fully God.
- Then to say He emptied Himself of the **attributes** of God is not consistent.
- If He did not have the attributes of God, he was not fully God.
- In fact, if He did not have the attributes of God, He was not God at all.

# SO IF THEY WERE CONSISTENT

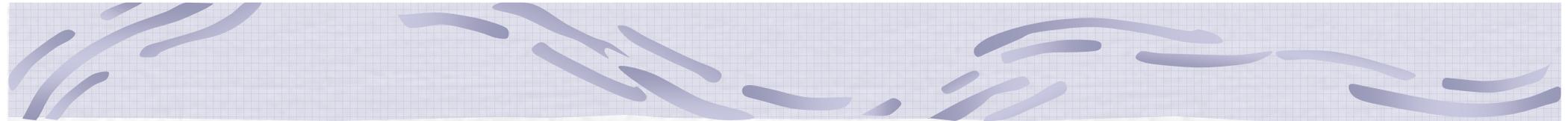
- They would either stop saying He was fully God, or stop saying that He emptied Himself of some of the attributes of God.
- God minus the attributes of God is not fully God.
- In fact, God minus the attributes of God is **NOT God at all!**

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- “For in Him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” (Col. 2:29)
  - “For it pleased the Father that In Him all fullness dwell.” (Col. 1:19)
  - “Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Heb. 13:8)
  - These passages being true, how could any one think He emptied Himself of any Divine attribute?
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DOES "ALL AUTHORITY HATH BEEN GIVEN ME"  
PROVE THAT HE DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY  
WHILE HE WORKED ON EARTH?

- He did not say this relative to His work on earth, but just before ascending into heaven.
  - Eph. 1:20-22 tells us when He was given the authority of which He spoke: "when He set Him on His own right hand."
  - Daniel 7:13-14 teaches the same by prophecy.
  - This is speaking of beginning His reign as King.
  - And Peter so applied it (Acts 2:30-36).
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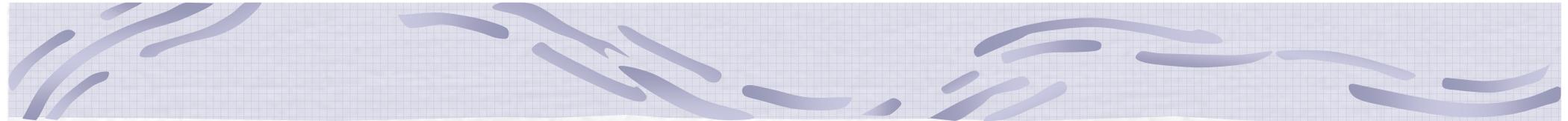


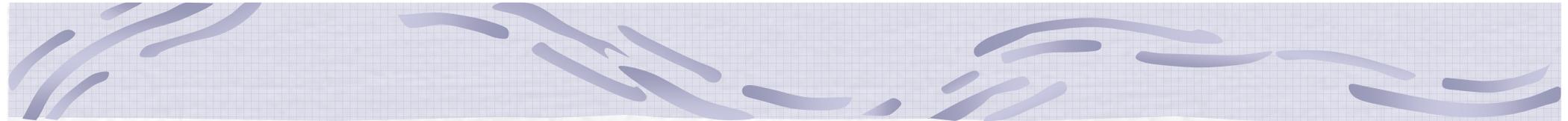
# WHAT ABOUT THE PASSAGES THAT SAY THE FATHER OR THE HOLY SPIRIT DID A WORK BY JESUS

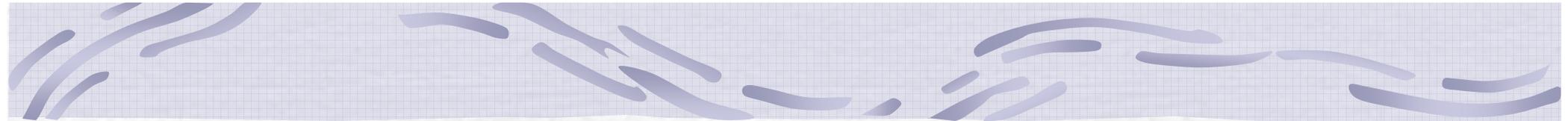
- John 17:20-23 answers this question.
  - While the roles were some times different, they always functioned in concert; i.e., in harmony.
  - They were one in mind, purpose, work and accomplishment.
  - These passages show harmony, not distinctiveness.
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# CREATION ILLUSTRATES THIS

- The Father created the world by His Son.
- Yet, the Son upholds all things by the power of HIS word.
- Though it is said the Father did it, the Son did it by **the power His word**.

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- Passages like Heb. 1:1-3, Matt. 12:28 and John 5:30 show the harmony of Deity, not the distinctiveness.
  - The Father was the director, but the Son created by His own power.
  - Just so, The Father is the director, but the Son did signs and wonders by His own power.
  - He did this to prove he was God.
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- “If I go not away, the comforter will not come, but if I depart, I will send Him unto you... He will guide you into all truth.” ( John 16:7,13).
  - If God sending and doing things through Jesus means that Jesus did not use His own attributes, but attributes of the Father, then Jesus sending and doing things through the Holy Spirit means that the Holy Spirit did not use His own attributes. But the attributes of Jesus.
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- “The comforter which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father shall send **in my name**, he shall teach you all things.” (John. 14:26)
  - If the Father sending and doing things through Jesus means that Jesus did not use His own attributes, but the attributes of the Father, then the Father sending the Holy Spirit **by the authority of Jesus**, means that the Father did not use His own attributes, but the attributes of Jesus.
  - Who can believe it?
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# JESUS NEVER USED HIS ATTRIBUTES TO OVERCOME TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS

- He used the same avenues that are available to us (Matt. 4:1-10; 26:26-45).
- But when it did not get in the way of His being the servant and example He came to be, He did use His powers to prove that He was He whom He claimed to be!