

**Jesus Christ, the only begotten, very God of very God (Mark 4:35-41; Hebrews 1:3, 2:14-18)**

Who is this?

Arius

*“There was a time when he was not”*

How heresies often work

**1. Jesus became truly human**

What we mean

tired/weary (Mark 4: 38, John 14:6), thirsty (John 19:28), hungry (Matt. 4:2)  
touch him (Matt. 4:20), lodge with him (John 1:39), feel his hands wash their feet  
(John 13:5), eat with him (Matt. 9:11)  
troubled (John 12:27), sorrowful (Matt. 26:38)

➤ The Creed rejected Docetism

Why does it matter so much Jesus is fully human?

Ans: *For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven*

Hebrews 2:17-18

*“For that which is not assumed is not healed” (Gregory of Nazianzus)*

**2. He never stopped being God**

*One Lord*

If God is one, why is the Creed so insistent on identifying Jesus as the LORD?

Mark 4:35-41 cf. Psalm 104:7, 107:29-30

Mark 1:24

NT applies to Jesus OT texts, titles, actions and worship that belong uniquely to the one true God

Father and Son – distinction!

Where Arius pressed his argument

*begotten from the Father before all ages*

The Nicene line

What is begotten shares the same nature – light from light (Heb 1:3)

*Homoousios vs homoiousios*

The Creed protects the core of our faith – 2 modern egs.

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Your head might hurt a little, but your heart can be glad!