

The Story Of Christianity

1. The Fall of Jerusalem – The Church Moves Out
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The Council of Chalcedon –
Who and What is Jesus?

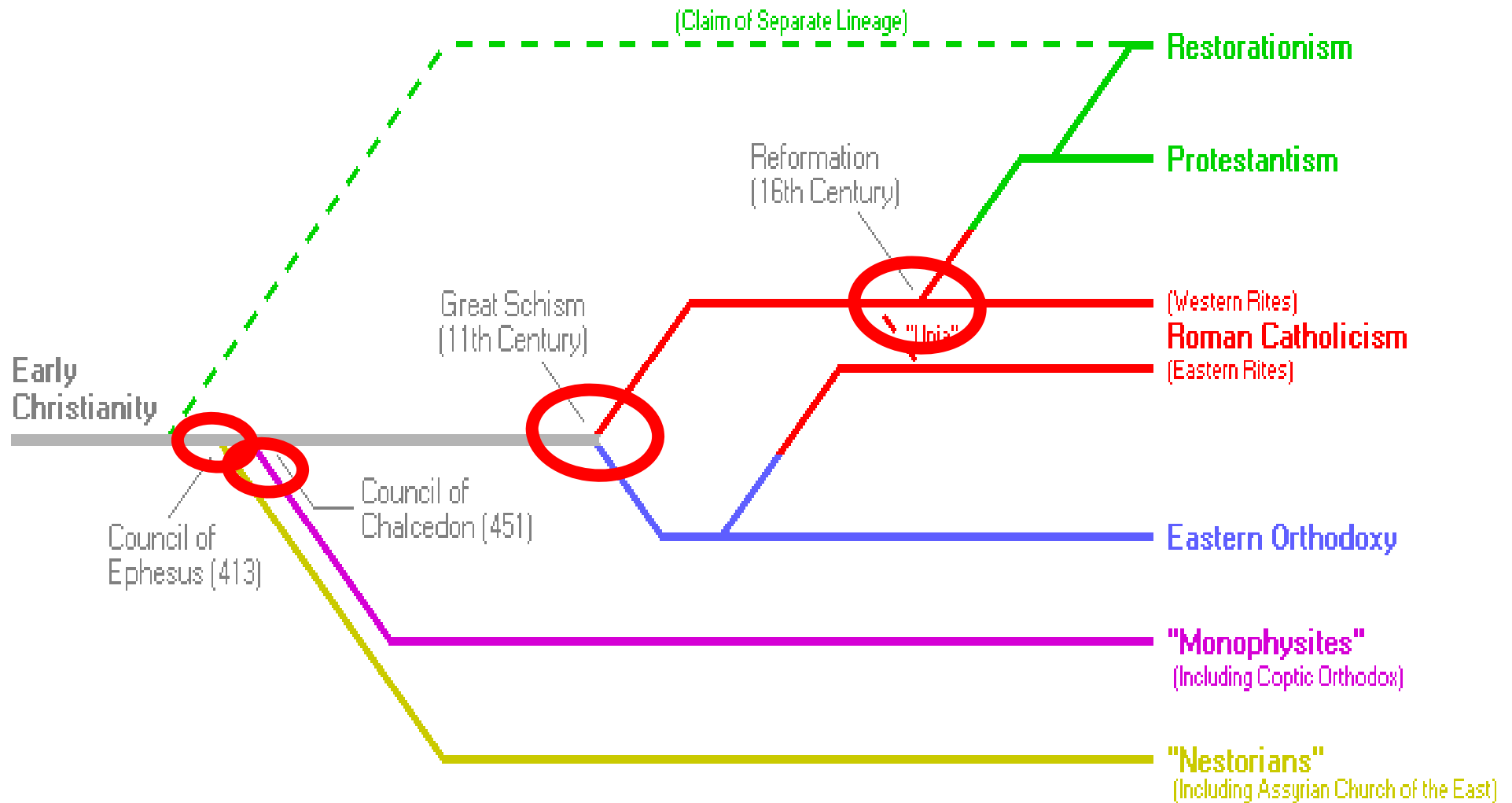
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Ecumenical Councils

1. Nicaea I (325)
2. Constantinople I (381)
3. Ephesus (431)
4. Chalcedon (451)
5. Constantinople II (553)
6. Constantinople III (680–681)
7. Nicaea II (787)



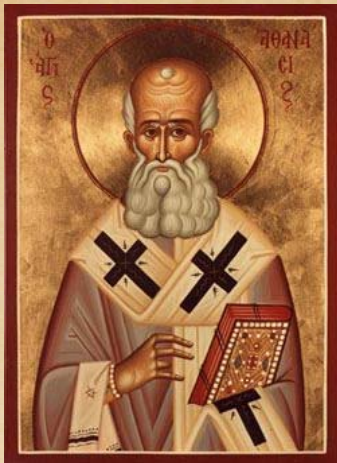
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Prominent Cities in the Eastern Mediterranean



Nicaea: Athanasius vs. Arius



Athanasius
(orthodox)



Arius
(heretic)

- Is Jesus fully God?
 - Athanasius: Yes!
 - Arius: No, highest creature!
- Council of Nicaea agreed with Athanasius
- New question: How is Jesus truly God & truly human?

Alexandria and Antioch



Bishops of Antioch contended with the bishops of Alexandria (and Constantinople) for primacy in the Eastern Roman Empire

Alexandria—Speculative and Philosophical



WORD — Flesh

Christology

Antioch – Practical and Biblical

Word ---- Man

Christology



How is Jesus Both Divine & Human?

WORD ^{flesh} Christology (Alexandria)

- The WORD incarnate in a flesh
- Emphasizes Unity and Deity of Christ
- Problems
 - Incompleteness of the humanity
 - Humanity gets overtaken by the divine

Word---Man Christology (Antioch)

- The Word joined to a man
- Christ has a full divine and full human nature
- Problem is division of the of the two natures making two persons

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The Council of Ephesus - 431:

- Condemned Pelagius
- Clarified Basic Christology



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The Council of Chalcedon:

Significant Because

- Clarified Orthodox Christian Teaching
- The way it clarified Orthodoxy

Christian Doctrine

THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY:
ONE IN NATURE
THREE IN PERSON

THE DOCTRINE OF THE INCARNATION:
ONE IN PERSON
WITH TWO TRUE NATURES

Christian Doctrine

**ONE IN PERSON
WITH TWO TRUE NATURES**

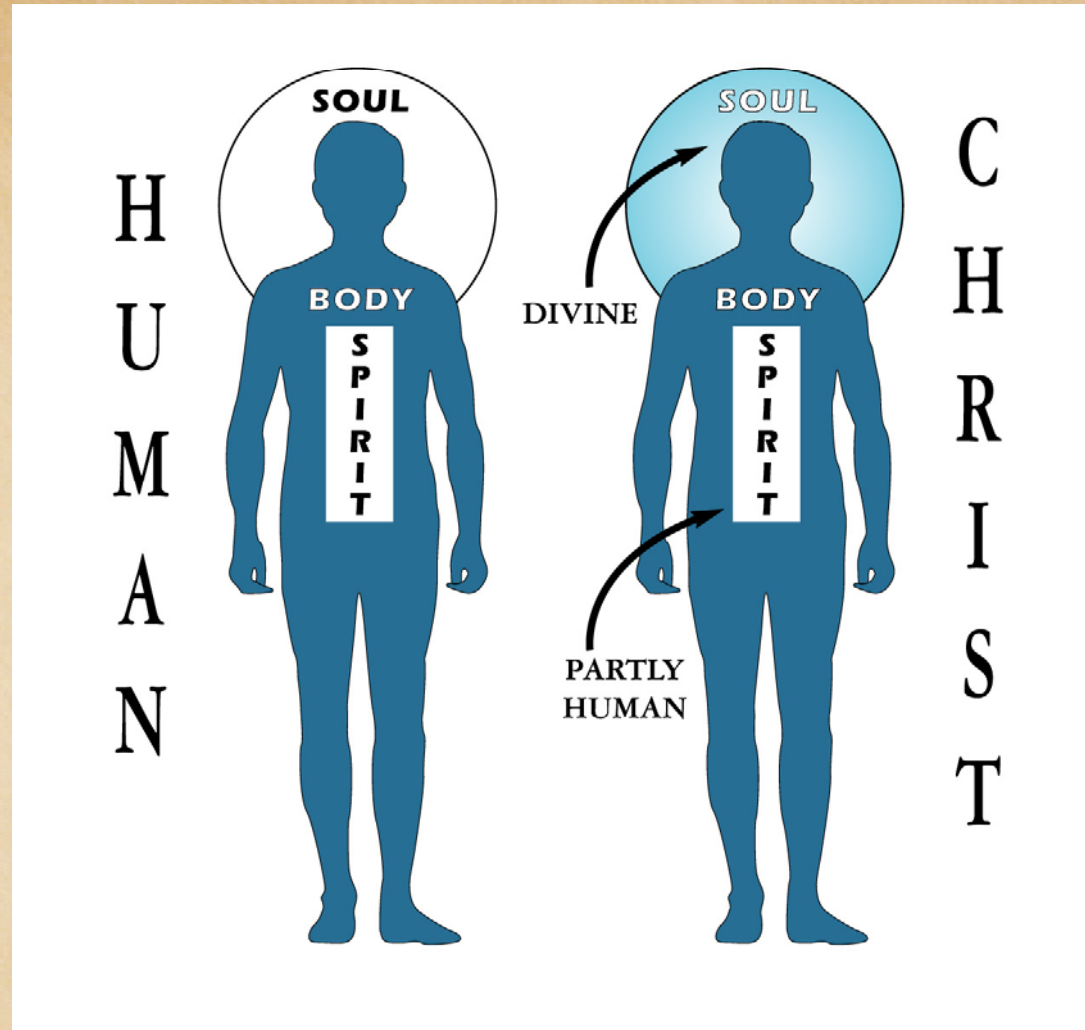
ACT 1— The Compound Nature Heresy— Apollinaris

- Who is this guy and who influenced him?
- What did he teach?
- What was he trying to protect?
- Where did he go wrong?
- What happened to Apollinaris?

Apollinarianism



Apollinarianism (A Denial of the Humanity of Christ)



Apollinarianism



ACT 2— The Dual Personality Heresy – Nestorius

- Who is this guy and who influenced him?
- What did he teach?
- What was he trying to protect?
- Where did he go wrong?
- What happened to Nestorius?

Nestorianism



Nestorius and the *Theotokos* Controversy



Mary: mother of God?

- 2nd Century comparison to Eve
- Elevated virtue of virginity by the desert monks
- Augustines's view on a "sinless" Mary
- Mary as Theotokos

Nestorius and the *Theotokos* Controversy

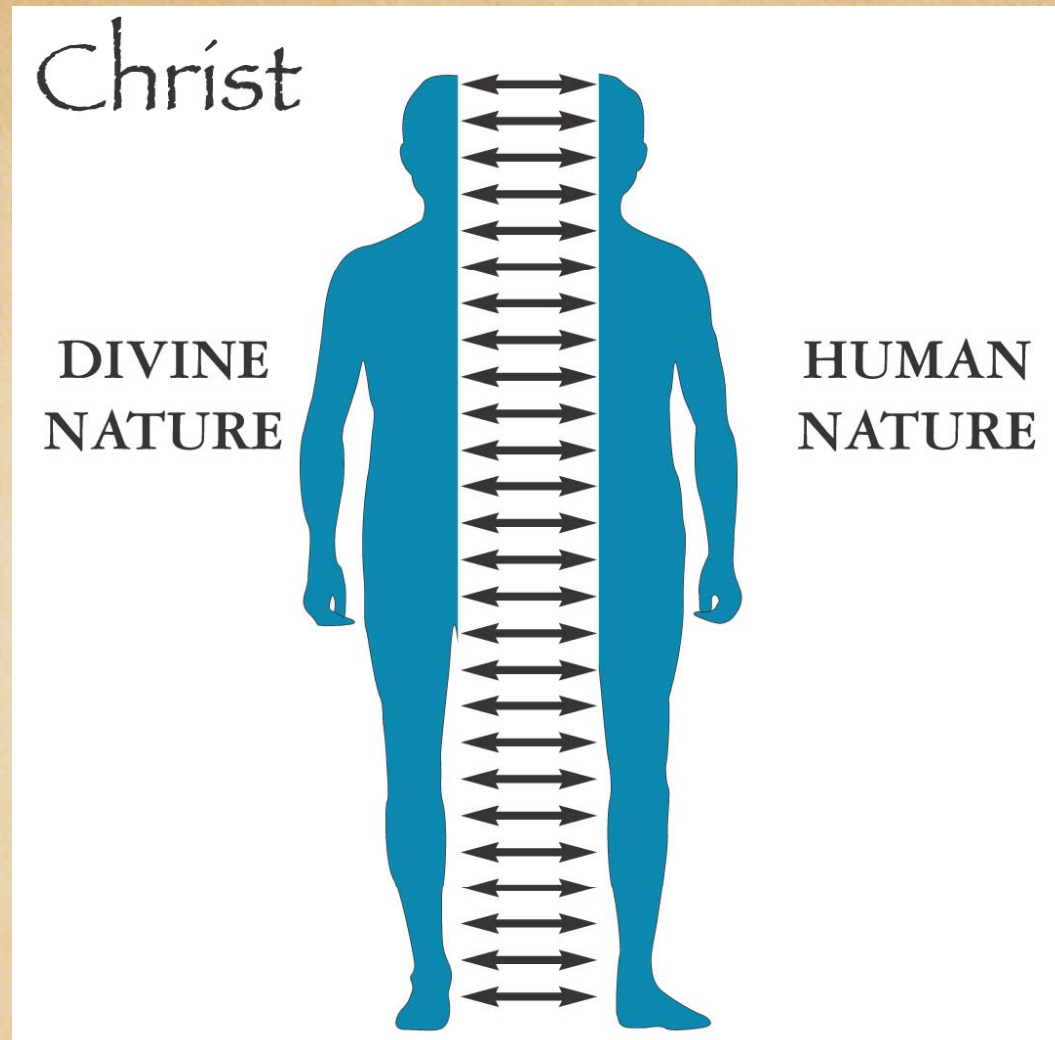


Mary: mother of God?

- Nestorius was an influential monk from Antioch
- Denied that Mary was *theotokos* (the bearer of God)
- Argued that Mary gave birth to the *human* Jesus, whose humanity is separate & distinct from his divinity

Nestorianism

(A Divided Christ: Denial of Unity)



Council of Ephesus



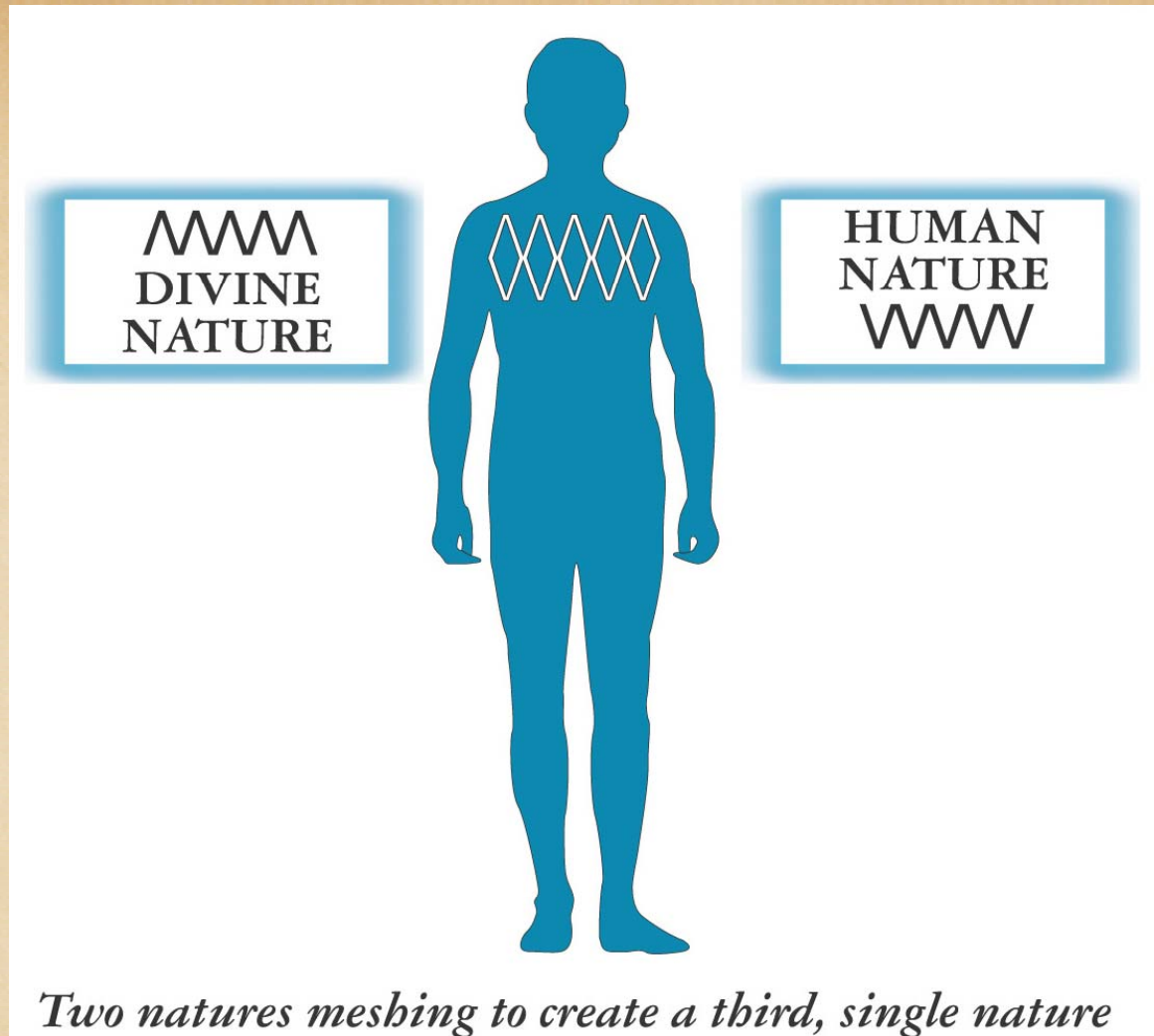
ACT 3— The Single Nature Heresy—Eutyches

- Who is this guy and who influenced him?
- What did he teach?
- What was he trying to protect?
- Where did he go wrong?
- What happened to Eutyches?

Eutychianism



Eutychianism (Monophysitism) (A United Christ: Denial of Duality)



Fallout: Ecclesiastical Chaos

- Eutyches, monk in Constantinople, defended Word-Flesh position, then...
- Flavian, archbishop of Constantinople, banished Eutyches, then...
- Eutyches appealed to Alexandria (and Rome in the West), then...
- Dioscorus, Cyril's nephew and bishop of Alexandria, organized a council to support Eutyches, then...
- At the council, Dioscorus deposed Flavian from bishopric of Constantinople, then...
- Flavian appealed to bishop of Rome, Leo I



Pope Leo I & His *Tome*

Leo I, Bishop of Rome

- Jesus is a single *person*
- Jesus has two *natures*
- Salvation depends on Jesus as human/divine person
- Human/divine interchange of attributes in the person of Jesus
- Maintain distinctive *natures* and unity of *person*



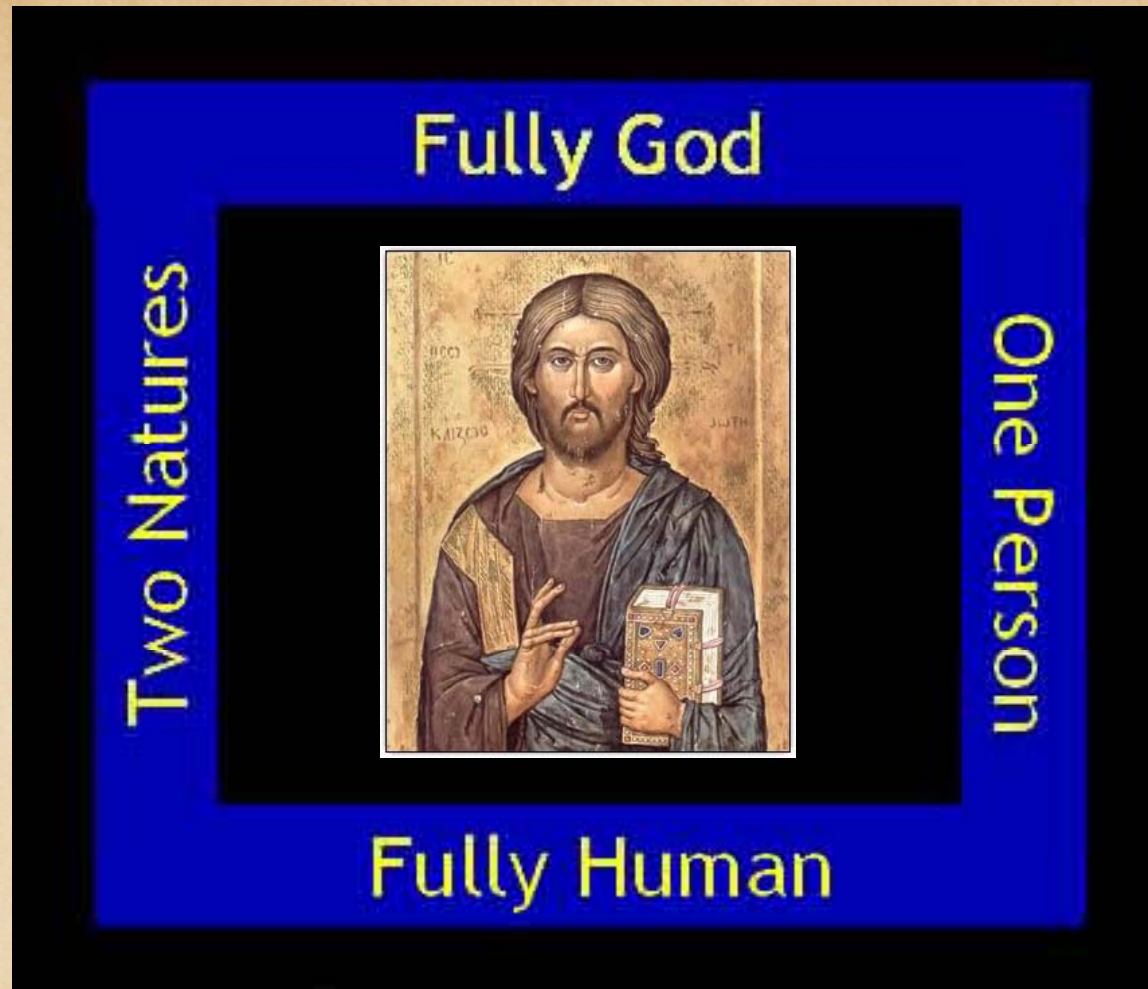
Leo known as “the Great” for his superior leadership and theological understanding

Council of Chalcedon



- Marcian, the new Eastern Roman emperor, called for a council to end chaos in the empire
- Leo's *Tome* greatly influenced the council's discussions
- Result of the council was the definition of Chalcedon

Chalcedon “in a Box”



Definition of Chalcedon (1 of 3)

Alexandria + Antioch + Nicaea

Following the holy fathers, we confess with one voice that the one and only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, is **perfect in Godhead and perfect in manhood, truly God and truly man, and that he has a rational soul and a body. He is of one substance [*homoousios*] with the Father as God, he is also of one substance [*homoousios*] with us as man. He is like us in all things except sin.**

Definition of Chalcedon (2 of 3)

He was begotten of his Father before the ages days and for our salvation he was born of Mary the virgin, the *theotokos*, as man. This **one and the same Christ**, Son, Lord, Only-begotten is made known in **two natures [which exist] without confusion, without change, without division, without separation**. The distinction of the natures is in no way taken away by their union, but rather the distinctive properties of each nature are preserved.

Definition of Chalcedon (3 of 3)

[Both natures] **unite into one person and one *hypostasis* [that is, substance]**. They are not separated or divided into two persons but [they form] **one and the same Son**, Only-begotten, God, Word, Lord Jesus Christ, just as the prophets of old [have spoken] concerning him and as the Lord Jesus Christ himself has taught us and as the creed of the fathers has delivered to us.

The Triumphs of Chalcedon

1. Sound doctrine over error in the Church
2. Christian catholicity over cultural fragmentation
3. Discriminating theological reasoning over...
 - a) ...the anti-intellectual dismissal of philosophy
 - b) ...theological capitulation to philosophy

I would now love to share with you why I find all of this theology and church history so meaningful.

1. These great thinkers and church fathers, while never solving the mystery of the incarnation, frame the idea so eloquently as to take me much further down the road than I would travel on my own.
2. When I publicly and proudly state to my friends and the world that I am a Christian, a follower of Christ, I have a deep understanding for what I claim.
3. When I read my Bible the pages of Scripture come so alive because I know that this whole book is about the God-Man
4. I am not alone in this enormous universe.
5. Both Redemption and Reconciliation are available for me.
6. When I worship I can practically explode with joy and awe over who God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit are and have done.