

Is Jesus God?

A simple look at the scriptures by a layperson who takes his bible seriously.

Genesis 1:26-27	God says "make man in our image" in 26 but in 27 man is explicitly created in the image of God, not God and angels.
Isaiah 9:6	He was prophesied literally as God.
John 1:1	In 14 translations (including KJV, NKJV, ASV, NASV, NIV, NLT, Message) the <i>apostle</i> John says Jesus "was God." NWT was "was a God." This is different than ignorant people claiming someone is a God such as in Acts 12:22 and 28:6. See Revelation 19:13 for backup (same in NIV & NWT).
John 8:56-59	Here Jesus claims to be God, this is why the people he was speaking to picked up stones to kill him in the next verse (see also John 10:30-33).
Philippians 2:5-7	In some translations Paul says Jesus is God. For those that don't, what does "in the form of" mean anyway?
Colossians 1:15-19	All things were created by Him (doesn't say all things except himself) and all things were created <i>for</i> Him (this would be strange if they were created for a created being, see Hebrews 2:10 for backup).
Hebrews 2:9	If Jesus was made lower than angels during his ~30 years on earth then He must not have been one to begin with.
1 John 5:7	The line I'm referring to here is present in KJV, NKJV and some others, but not all, because it is only found in later manuscripts, but since KJV was released in 611 this shows the trinity isn't a recently invented concept.
Revelation 22:12-13	To call yourself the Alpha and Omega is pretty gutsy if you aren't eternal, and only God exists outside of time (even Satan is bound by time).

Scripture is not self contradictory so no matter how many verses you have where Jesus refers to the Father as another entity they don't mean Jesus is not God nor that God the Father created Jesus in any way like He did angels or people. Those verses just elaborate on Jesus' character as described in Philippians 2:5-6. They just reinforce the mysterious concept of the trinity.

Also consider these logical arguments which are not as compelling as the scripture above but still worth mentioning:

- Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to multiple people at once but the only thing in the universe that is omnipresent is God (Luke 24:49, John 14:26, John 20:22, Acts 2:4)
- Why is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit the only unforgiveable sin if the Holy Spirit is not God? (Matthew 12:31, Luke 12:10)
- Why baptize in the name of the Trinity (Matthew 28:19) if the Trinity is not an unexplainable single God?
- What do 1 Thesalonians 4:8 and 2 Timothy 1:14 mean without the Trinity?
- What do 2 Corinthians 13:14 and 1 Peter 1:2 mean without the Trinity?

As far as the word "trinity", I checked dictionary.com and see it's English form originates as late as the 12th century, but according to Easton's 1897 Bible Dictionary the "word is derived from the Greek 'trias', first used by Theophilus (A.D. 168-183), or from the Latin 'trinitas', first used by Tertullian (A.D. 220), to express this doctrine." There is also a lot of info on Wikipedia I didn't read because I think I've made my case already.

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