

# The Life of Christ A-Z

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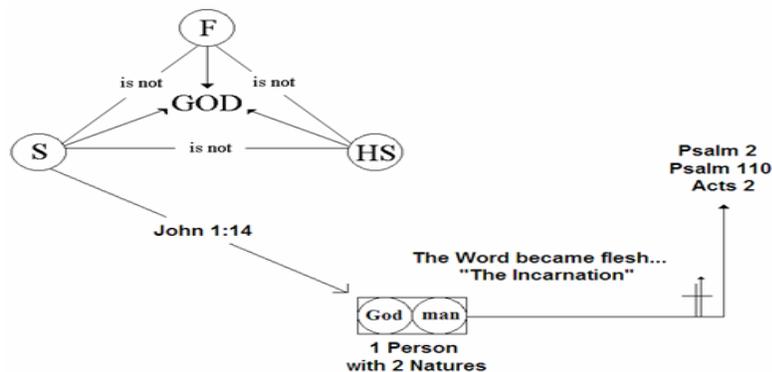
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In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.....the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. John 1:1 and 1:14

## **The Setting 10:22-23**

### **The Immediate Context**

Dec 32 AD the Feast of the Dedication = Hanukkah-a Jewish patriotic/religious holiday.

### **The Broad Context**

John 8: several months before 10:22 Jesus taught the Light of the World discourse (8:12)

Notice 8:21-24; 8:30-32; 8:39-41; 8:48-59

John 9: Jesus heals a man who was born blind as a special sign to the Religious Leaders

Notice: 9:1-7; 9:13-22

John 10 (v1-21): the aftermath of the healing

Notice: 10:7-11; 10:14-21

## **The Sarcastic Question 10:24**

The Jewish Religious Leaders are implying that Jesus had not sufficiently declared and demonstrated that He was the Christ?!? This of course is both absurd and insulting.

## **The Setting Straight 10:25-30**

### **The Plain Fact v25**

Jesus HAD clearly revealed Himself to be the Christ

### **The Real Problem v26-27**

The Jews HAD deliberately rejected Him as the Christ

### **The Perfect Gift v28-30**

Everlasting Life and an Everlastingly Secure Salvation is available

...through God the Son v28 ...through God the Father v29 ...based on Their Unity v30

I and the Father are one

NOT: Equal in Identity (not one and the same Person)

BUT: Equal in Quality (both are one and same thing-full Deity)

## **The Scandal 10:31-33**

v31 The Jews picked up stones again (John 8:59) to kill him

v32 Jesus declares His +R and the absurdity of the situation

v33 The Jews show how they (correctly) understood Jesus in 10:30

## **Take This To Heart**

Jesus is the Christ: the God-Man-Savior just as He declared and demonstrated

He is the Savior/Sinners are the Savees

He Gives All Who Believer an Everlasting Salvation NOT a Conditional Spiritual Probation

## The Meaning and Importance of the Title “Christ”

1: The title "Christ" is equivalent to "Messiah/Savior" (John 1:41; 4:25, 29; and 7:41-42 and 1 John 5:1-5). The Old Testament predicted the Messiah would suffer like a Lamb for sins of His people (Isa 52:13-53:12). The Old Testament Prophets (see 1 Peter 1:11) and the New Testament Apostles (see Acts 3:18-20; 18:28; 26:23) affirmed as well.

2: “Christ” is an exclusive title for Jesus of Nazareth, who was/is "THE Christ." John the Baptist denied this title for Himself or to anyone else but Jesus (John 1:20, 25; 3:28).

3: Jesus Himself claims to be "the Christ." In John 10:24-30 our Lord affirms under direct questioning that He is "the Christ." Very interesting in this regard: see John 4:25-26; John 17:3 and Luke 24:26-27.

4: The truth that Jesus is the Christ is the essential content of saving faith (ART: active receptive trust not just mental assent John 1:12/Matthew 8:1-4). This is directly taught in John 20:31 and 1 John 5:1 (the converse is in 1 John 2:22). The purpose statement for the Gospel of John (20:30-31) states, "these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you will have life in His name." 1 John 5:1, "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God..." The Gospel call is in effect an exhortation for people to trust in Jesus as "the/their Christ." This is seen in apostolic appeals in Acts. Notice this consistent theme in the following verses:

**Acts 5:42** And every day in the Temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as **the Christ**.

**Acts 9:22** But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that this Jesus is **the Christ**.

**Acts 17:2-3** (Paul said) this Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is **the Christ**.

**Acts 18:5** Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was **the Christ**.

**Acts 18:28** And he [Apollos] powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was **the Christ**.

“Christ” is not “the last name” of Jesus. It is a highly significant and unique title specifically identifying Jesus of Nazareth as the Savior of all who trust in Him. To believe in Jesus as "the Christ" involves supernatural enablement (Matthew 16:16-17) and appropriates the gift of everlasting life (zoe/spiritual not bios/physical; 1 John 5:1-5





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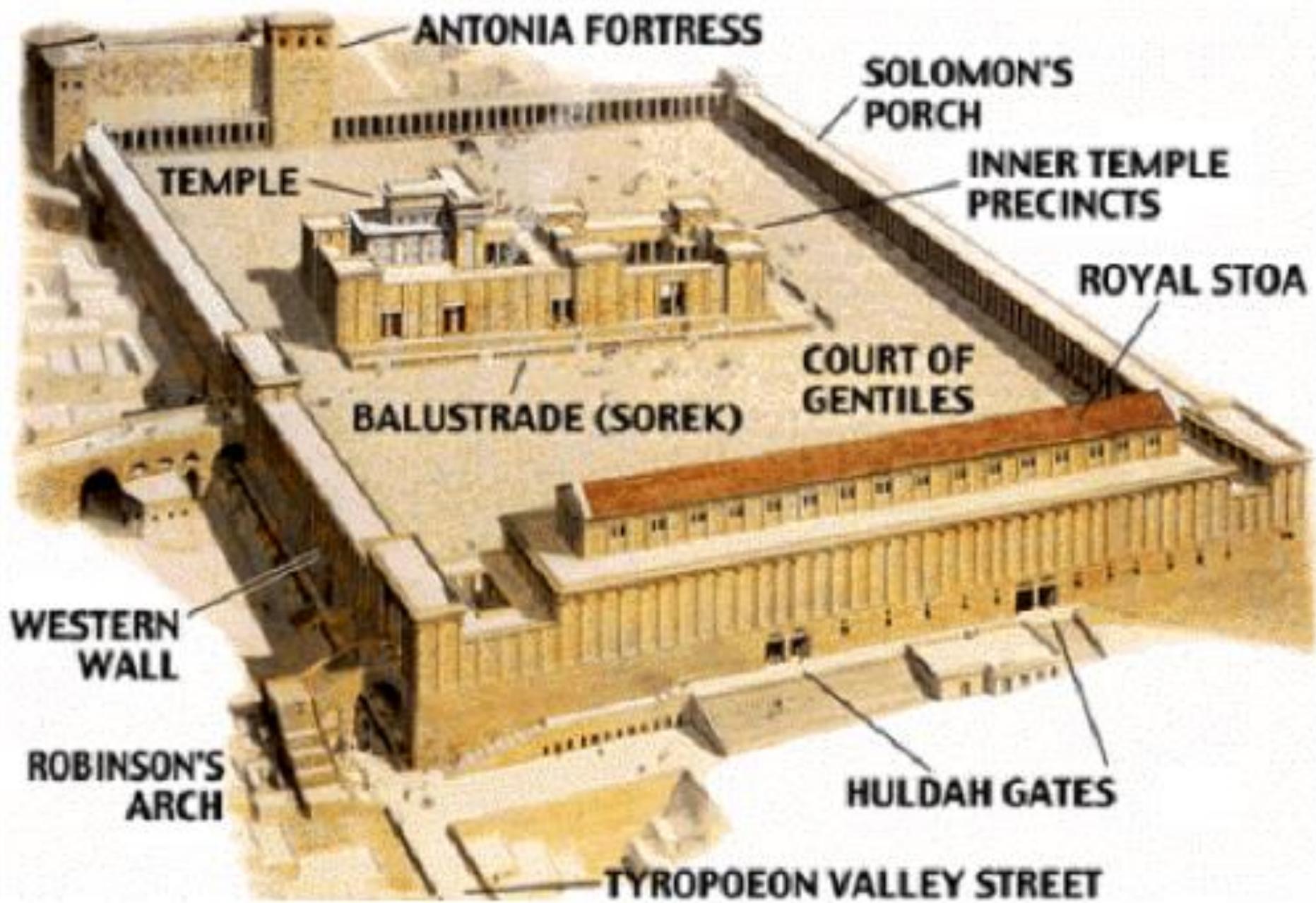
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ἐγὼ καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ἓν ἐσμεν

Literally: "I and (God) the Father one we are"

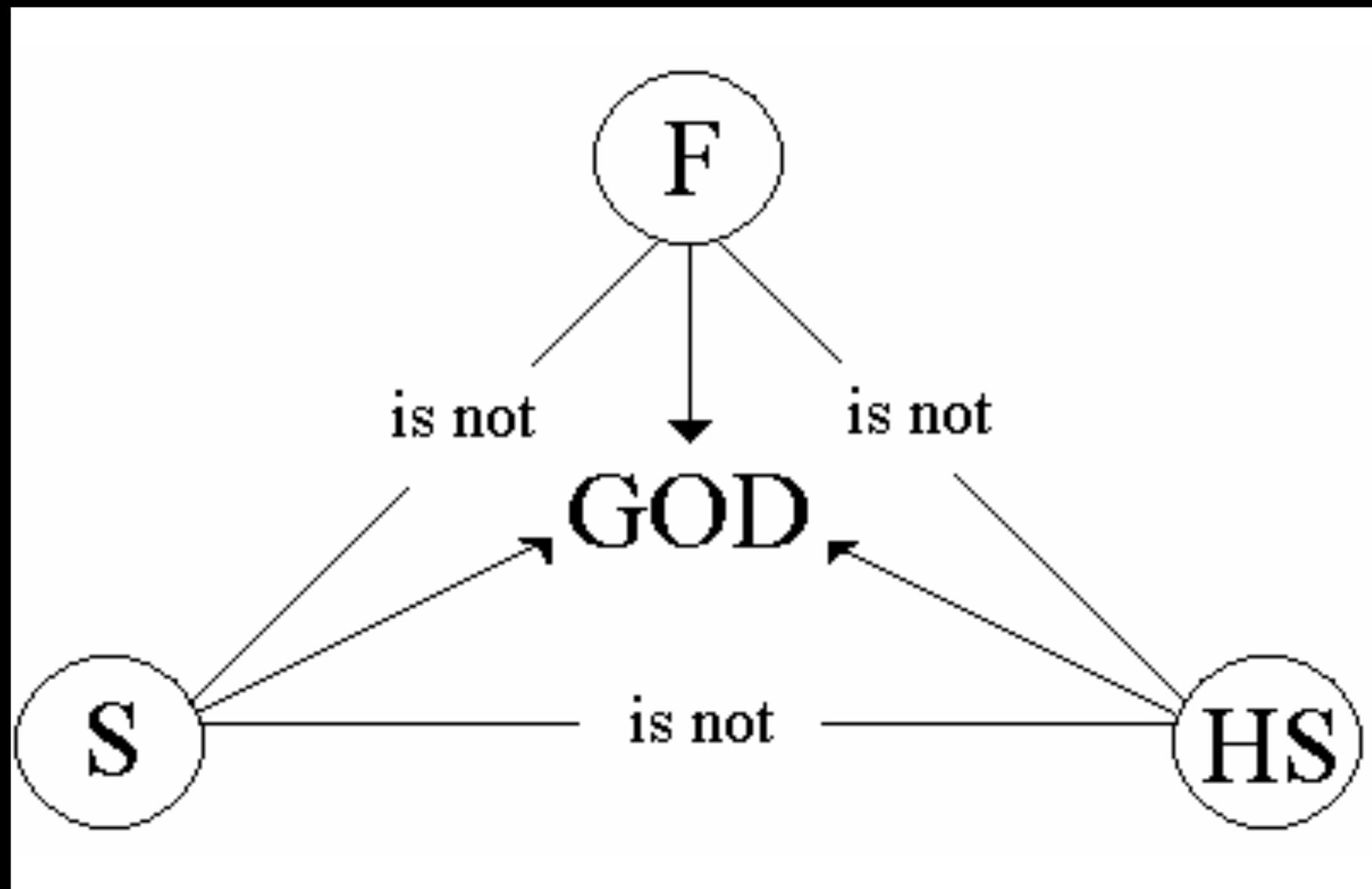
NOT: "I am One/the same Person  
as God the Father"

INSTEAD: "I am God/Deity in the same exact  
way God the Father is God/Deity"

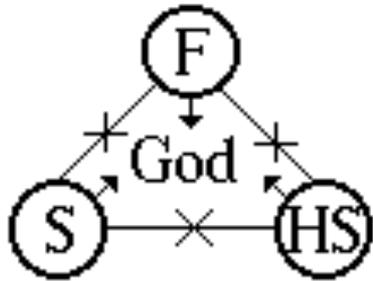
Parallel Passage: John 1:1

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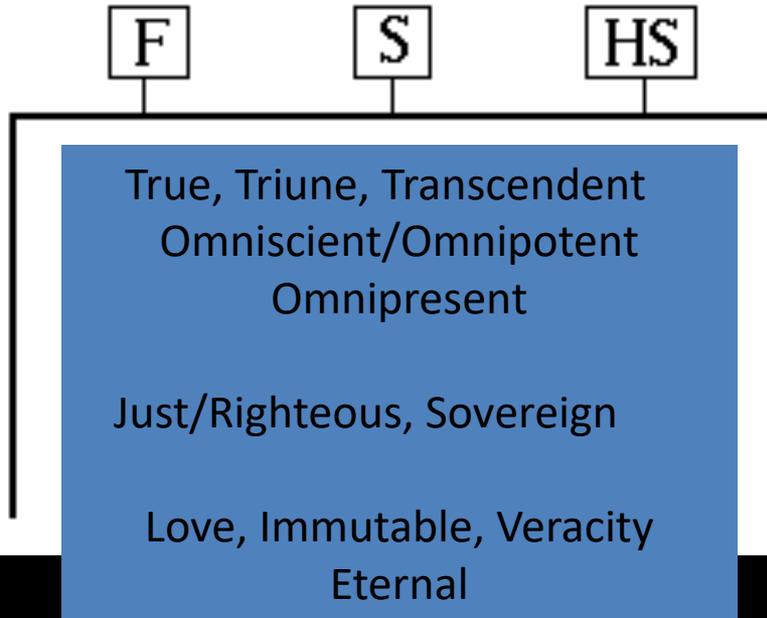
- 1: A plural verb is used (because two different Persons are the subject of the sentence)
- 2: The number "one" is inflected as neuter (not masculine)
- 3: The absence of the definite article with "one" means "one in essence" NOT "one in identity"







In the Being of the One God  
there are Three Persons, Equal  
in Essence/Attributes, Distinct  
in Subsistence



All Three Persons of the  
Trinity are Co-Equal and  
Co-Eternal. But they are  
NOT the same Person.  
And they do have different  
roles in the outworking of  
the overall Plan of God

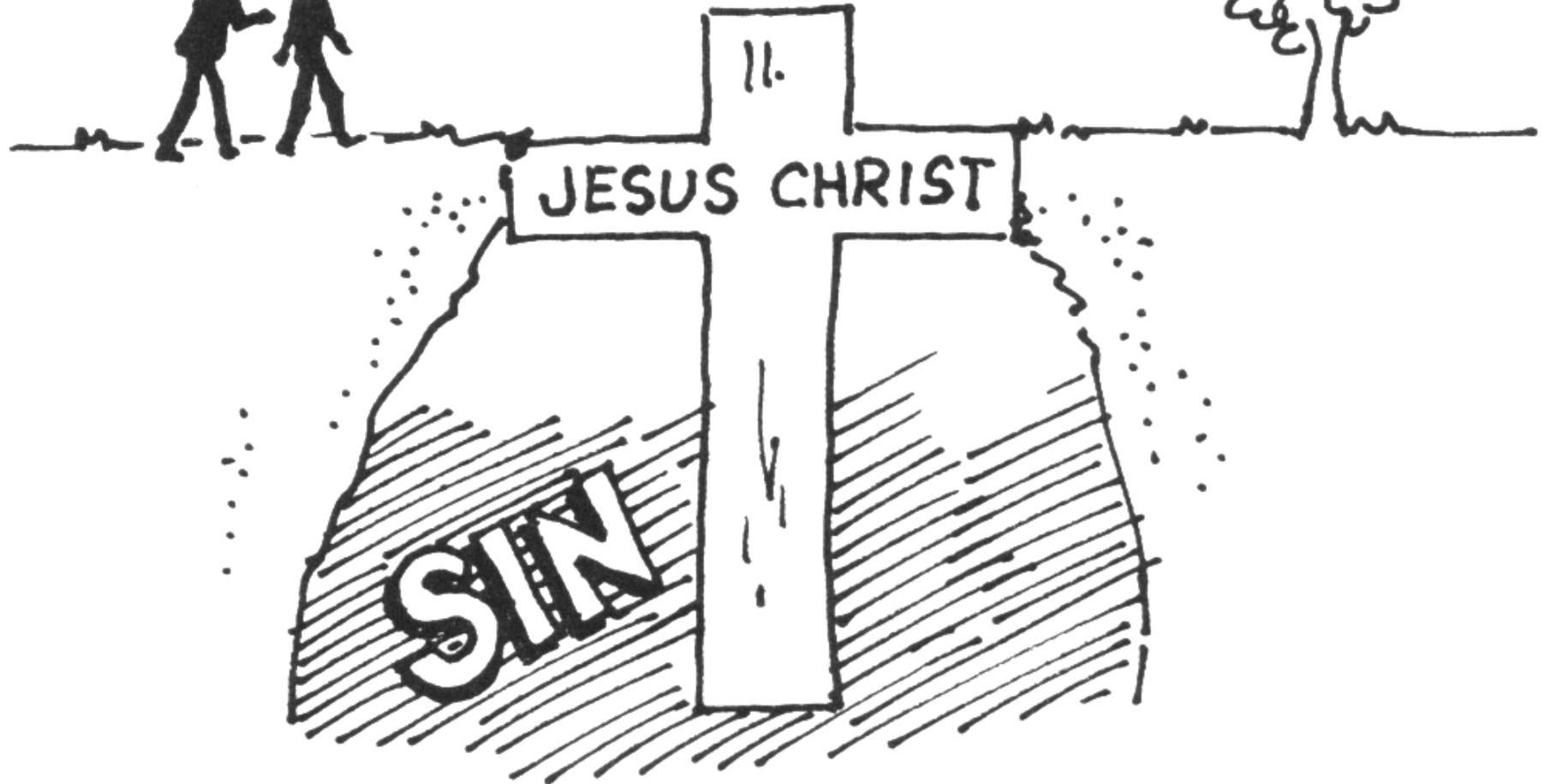
# ONE MEDIATOR

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JESUS CHRIST

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Κυριος

LORD

Title

Ιησους

Jesus

Name

Χριστος

Christ

Title

corresponds  
to the OT Word

יהוה

meaning  
"God"

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The deity of Christ is the key doctrine of the scriptures. Reject it, and the Bible becomes a jumble of words without any unifying theme. Accept it, and the Bible becomes an intelligible and ordered revelation of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

— *J. Oswald Sanders* —